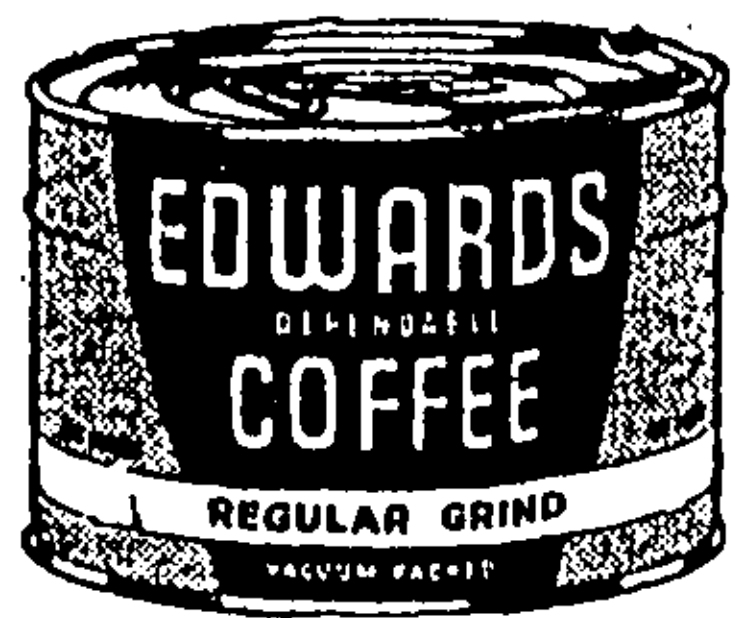




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NAZI 'PLANES LAND IN SYRIA

General Wavell Given Authority To Act

PETAINE ASKS FOR BLIND FAITH

Marshal Petain, in a broadcast speech yesterday, referred to Admiral Darlan's recent talk with Hitler in Germany.

He said: "I have approved the principles of this meeting" and added, "This new meeting will enable us to see clearly the road into the future and to continue the talks begun with the German Government."

"OPINION THAT IS APPREHENSIVE BECAUSE IT IS MISINFORMED NO LONGER MEASURES OUR CHANCES AND RISKS AND JUDGES OUR ACTIONS TO-DAY."

"The question for you Frenchmen now is to follow me without reservation along the path of honour and national interest."

"If we successfully complete the negotiations now in progress, while maintaining the strictest discipline of our public spirit, France will overcome her defeat and will be able to maintain in the world her position as a European and colonial power."—Reuter.

TROJAN HORSE FEARS

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, speaking in London yesterday, said: "From my point of view Hess is a murderer."

"You can understand my feeling about Hess when I tell you he was the man who collected every index card of every trade union leader in Germany, and the Social Democrats, and when the time came they were either sent to concentration camps or murdered."

"I DO NOT BELIEVE HITLER DID NOT KNOW HESS WAS COMING TO ENGLAND."

"For a good many years I have had to deal with these totalitarian gentlemen and Communists, and I have seen this kind of stunt over and over again."

"I am not going to be deceived by any of them. Hess is no man I would ever negotiate with."—Reuter.

SENATE ISOLATIONISTS DEFEATED

The U.S. Senate yesterday defeated an isolationist effort to veto the transfer of shipping from one belligerent to another, despite arguments that such transfers would be "needless provocative acts of war."

It will be recalled that the House defeated a similar amendment on May 7. —Reuter.

Britain's War Losses

Authentic figures of British casualties on the Western Front and in Norway, were given by a Government spokesman in the Commons yesterday.

Total troops sent to France up

Staging Posts On Way To Iraq

AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BRITAIN WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST GERMAN AIRCRAFT IN SYRIA WAS MADE BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, AT QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Eden declared detailed information at Government's disposal showed the French authorities in Syria are allowing German aircraft to use Syrian aerodromes as staging posts for flight to Iraq.

The British Government consequently had given full authority for action to be taken against these German aircraft on Syrian aerodromes. (Loud cheers).

Mr. Eden continued: "The French Government cannot escape responsibility for this situation. Their action under German orders in permitting these flights is a clear breach of the armistice terms and inconsistent with the undertakings given by the French Government."

In reply to Mr. Ernest Shinnell (Labour), who asked whether we could no longer place any reliance in the Vichy Government, Mr. Eden said:

"As regards these particular circumstances I have made it plain that appropriate action is being taken."

to June, 1940, were 437,000. Of these 384,000 were brought away and 40,000 were left as prisoners of war.

Corresponding figures for Norway were 23,800 troops sent, 22,600 brought away and 95 left as prisoners.—Reuter.

Force In Suggestion

Mr. Cocks (Labour), interposed: "Is it not a fact that since the Vichy Government has left the League of Nations the mandate for Syria no longer exists?"

Mr. Eden: "I should like to have notice of that but there is certainly force in Mr. Cocks's suggestion."

Sir Henry Morris Jones (Liberal National) asked whether a warning was given to the Vichy Government.

Mr. Eden: "The Vichy Government was fully aware of our attitude in this matter, indeed their own undertaking is sufficient indication of their obligations."

In reply to a query whether the U.S. Government had been fully informed of this development, Mr. Eden said "Yes, certainly."—Reuter.

SECRET SESSION PLANNED

The Commons will shortly hold a secret session to discuss the Ministry of Supply.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, back bench Labourite, in the Commons yesterday afternoon asserted there was much public anxiety on the matter of supply and asked whether this would be allayed by a private session.

Mr. Churchill declared Government would have welcomed a public session.

He did not agree there was so much anxiety and he hoped to show that great progress was being made, but anything more foolish than to give facts and figures in details in public, which would go to Lisbon and then to Germany, he could not imagine.

"WE REALLY MUST LEAVE SOME WORK FOR THE GERMAN INTELLIGENCE." (LAUGHTER).—REUTER.

AXIS MISSIONS ARRIVE IN IRAQ THROUGH SYRIA

A number of German 'planes with disguised markings have landed at three Syrian aerodromes, apparently en route to Iraq, it was reliably learned in Cairo yesterday.

The presence at Beyrouth of a high German personage, who is engaged in conversations with the Italian armistice commission and the French authorities, is reported by a traveller who has arrived in Cairo from Syria.

Another report received in Cairo says that a certain number of German aircraft have already arrived in Iraq, bringing propagandists, agitators and other similar Axis specialists.

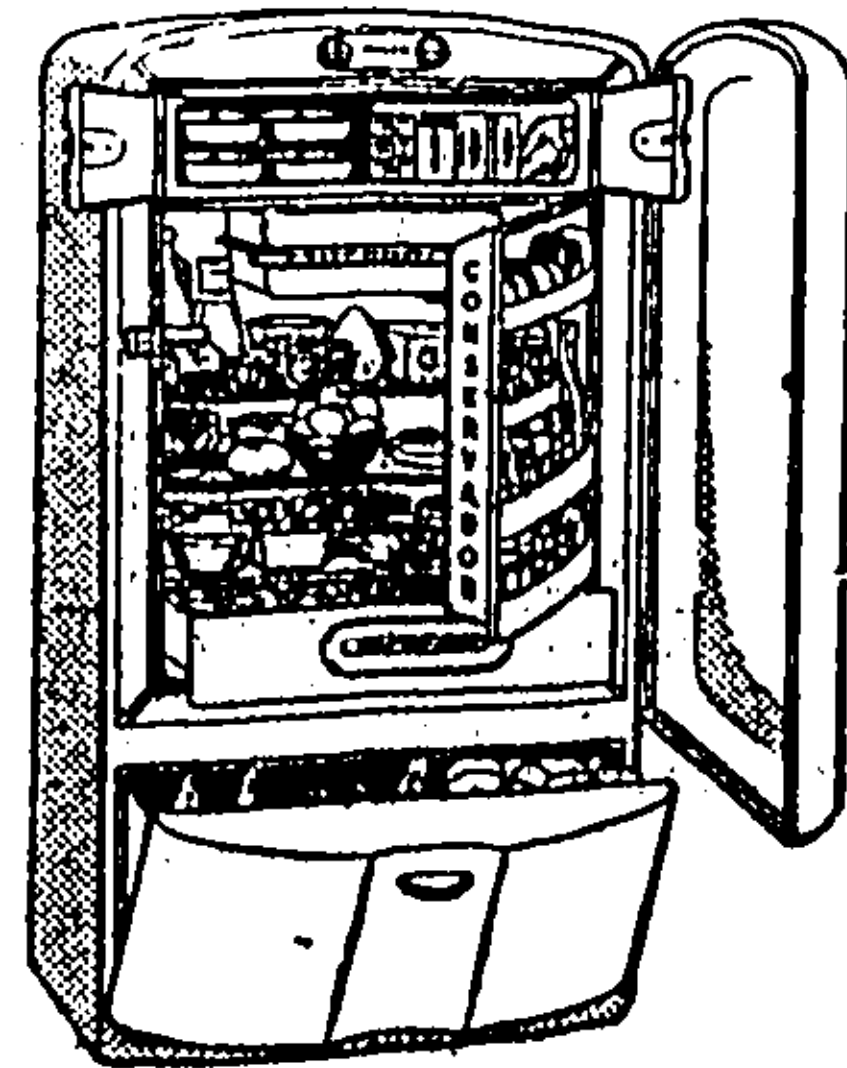
Their arrival is said to have followed an urgent appeal by Raschid Ali.

Private sources in Cairo report that a certain number of Nazi aircraft recently landed at Rajak aerodrome in Syria.

Other information received in Cairo is that two Axis military missions are now in Baghdad, where they arrived a few days ago in 'planes which flew over Syrian territory.

THE ITALIAN MISSION CONSISTS OF TWO ITALIAN AIR GENERALS AND STAFF. THE GERMAN MISSION NUMBERS 15, WHO ARRIVED IN TWO AEROPLANES.—REUTER.

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STRAIN ON RELATIONS WITH VICHY

Effect Of Syrian Development Hard To Foresee

Free Hand Given To Gen. Wavell

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

WITH ACCEPTANCE BY THE VICHY GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN TERMS FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING, THE SPOTLIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS HAS SUDDENLY SWITCHED ON TO SYRIA.

Mr. Eden revealed in the Commons yesterday that German planes had already arrived at Syrian aerodromes and that General Wavell had been given a free hand to deal with the situation thus resulting.

It is a very grave development in a situation already very complicated, and its effect on British relations with Vichy cannot easily be forecast.

From the purely legal standpoint, French rights in Syria, which they hold under mandate from the League of Nations, lapsed the moment the French notified their withdrawal from the League.

Under the Covenant no nation not a member of the League can hold a mandate except in very special circumstances which have not arisen.

Consequently any action taken by Britain would theoretically not be directed against the mandatory power.

The legal aspect, however, is far less material than the military factor involved.

French Garrison

There is still a French garrison, variously estimated at between 30,000 and 60,000 men. A large number of these are colonial soldiers, the majority of the French troops having returned to France on the collapse of the French Government last June.

The troops who remained are not France's best men and they have been having trouble with the local population.

There have been strikes and riots in Damascus, Beyrouth and Haifa, and the authorities have had to temporise in order not to precipitate trouble.

Iraq Crisis

The situation has been somewhat poisoned by the crisis in Iraq, whose Quisling Government have some sympathisers in Beyrouth and Damascus, but, taken as a whole, the population is not ill-disposed towards Britain.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NOT MANY PREPARED AERODROMES IN SYRIA, THE PLATEAU ON WHICH DAMASCUS IS SITUATED WOULD AFFORD NUMEROUS LANDING GROUNDS AND IS ALSO ADMIRABLE TERRAIN FOR MECHANISED WARFARE. — REUTER.

NEWS OF "LOST" DUNKIRK MEN

NEWS IS BEGINNING TO COME THROUGH ABOUT MEN WHO WERE POSTED AS "MISSING" AFTER DUNKIRK.

A "third party" system was put into operation by the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, and the results coming to hand show an encouraging percentage of successes.

Twice weekly an air mail letter is sent by the organisation to Geneva with a list of soldiers still posted as missing.

Then delegates of the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva are visiting camps all over Germany, Austria and Poland to question prisoners about their missing comrades.

Last week a cable gave the names of twelve merchant seamen of whom nothing had been heard since June, and recently names of a number of Indian prisoners were received.

RUTBAH BATTLE DRAMA

Beside his wrecked aircraft stood a solitary figure. Intensive fire from the fort at Rutbah, as well as from an insurgent nest in the sand dunes, swept across the desert.

This was the scene that confronted a young flying officer who was making a lone bombing attack on a desert fort held for days by Iraq rebels, says a report from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East yesterday to the Air Ministry news service.

The flying officer at once landed his aircraft as close to the wreck as possible. Then he recognised the figure standing near it as his commanding officer.

Crossfire from the rebels was intensive and the rescue aircraft was hit several times.

An R.A.F. armoured car, commanded by another squadron leader, then drove up, positioned itself between the aircraft and the fort and returned the insurgents' fire.

The squadron leader was the only survivor of the wrecked aircraft and he was seriously wounded. — Reuter.

LAW TO CLEAR UP AIR RAID TRAGEDIES

Coroners have been given a new power which will save expense and make it unnecessary to go to the High Court for leave to presume the death of persons killed in air raids whose bodies cannot be found or who cannot be definitely identified.

A notice of the coroner's intention to hold an inquiry will be posted in a public place. The notice will give the name of the person believed to be dead, state where and when death is believed to have occurred, and invite people who have information to send it to the coroner, or to attend the inquiry.

The coroner will have the same powers in these inquiries as he has at inquests, but inquiries must be held without a jury and, unless the Home Secretary otherwise directs, in private.

"War Operations"

If the coroner considers that the person has been killed in war operations he will issue a certificate. This will go to the Registrar, who will then issue his certificate in the normal way.

GERMAN SHIPS LEFT ABLAZE

British bombers yesterday afternoon attacked an escorted convoy off the Frisian Isles, bombing three supply ships of 2,000, 4,000 and 5,000 tons, respectively. These were left burning.

Shortly afterwards enemy fighters attacked the bombers. One of these fighters was shot down and one British aircraft is missing, says an Air Ministry communique.

Aircraft of the Fighter Command, continues the British communique, yesterday carried out several sweeps over the Channel and Northern France, in the course of which several enemy aircraft were machine-gunned on the ground and one was shot down.

Ships were also machine-gunned from a low level.

On the operations one British plane was lost. — Reuter.

TURKISH PRESIDENT RECEIVES IRAQ DELEGATE

PRESIDENT INEUNU of Turkey yesterday gave an interview to the Iraq Minister of War and the Iraq Minister at Ankara, states Ankara radio.

Earlier in the afternoon the President had received the Greek Minister and the German Ambassador at the Presidential Palace.

It is generally believed that von Papen, when he saw the President, in addition to delivering Hitler's "friendly message," particularly stressed German friendliness towards Turkey—the line which, it is understood, he took up at the Foreign Office on Wednesday.

It is stated that von Papen placed no demands and asked nothing of Turkey but stressed the friendly relations between the two countries, since they were allies in the last war, and undoubtedly told the Turks Germany was willing to trade on a larger scale.

Honeyed Words

In accordance with normal diplomatic procedure it is expected that President Inonu will instruct the Turkish Ambassador to thank Hitler for his message but even von Papen must realise that the Turks cannot be lulled into a sense of false security with honeyed words.

The Turks are continuing to take all necessary measures to safeguard their independence, including the wedding out of any likely Fifth Columnists. — Reuter.

NO CIGARETTES FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

Information having been received that the German Government has discontinued the free issue of cigarettes to British prisoners of war, the British War Office consequently has taken parallel action where German prisoners of war are concerned, it was authoritatively stated in London yesterday. — Reuter.

SHOTS KILL ONE, WOUND ANOTHER

Gunshots echoing through the black-out led to the discovery of a tragedy in the shadows of the famous St. Guthlac's Abbey at Crowland, Lincs.

Lying dead outside a garage on St. Guthlac's Farm was Geoffrey Scrumschaw, a twenty-four-year-old farmer from the neighbouring parish of Gedney, near Holbeach. A revolver was nearby.

A short distance away was Maurice Crouch, also aged twenty-four, a farmer of Manea, near March, Cambs, suffering from gunshot wounds. He was rushed to Peterborough Hospital, where he is in a critical condition.

The tragedy occurred on the farm occupied by Mr. Harry Ground.

WHAT B.B.C. DINS INTO GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rudolf Hess fled because he was convinced the war's "Battle of the Marne" was lost by the Germans, according to a B.B.C. special broadcast directed to Germany.

The following were typical of B.B.C. broadcasts to Germany during yesterday:

"It is expected that Mr. Churchill will make an extensive statement about the arrival of Hess in Scotland. This statement will be based on the report of Mr. Kirkpatrick, who is still with Hess."

"It can hardly be assumed that Mr. Churchill in his statement will reveal more than a part of what Hitler's closest confidant, who is well informed about all the plans of the German Government, has been saying."

"Hess has asked for pen and paper and is very busy making notes." — International News Service.

BLITZ HERO'S "NO" TO £235

Joe Blake, Bermondsey, George Medallist, is a man money can't buy.

He has just turned down an offer of £235 more a year to leave his present £465-a-year job as sub-controller of Bermondsey's A.R.P. services to go on a similar job under another London borough council.

Joe, is the man who, when his car was wrecked by a bomb, got out and walked to blazing buildings, where he located six wounded firemen lying amid burning debris.

When he telephoned for an ambulance for them, blast from two bombs threw him away from the telephone.

STOCK EXCHANGE CHEERFUL

The London Stock Exchange continued cheerful yesterday. Industrials were firm, especially breweries, on fair investment buying. Gilt-edged early declined slightly but closed steady, while oils tended to be easier and Kaffirs were maintained apart from early Cape offering of non-producers. Coppers and tins were firmly held. Foreign issues were firm, with Egyptian 4 per cents £1 higher at 75 and Czech 8 per cents three up at 37. Wall Street was hesitant. — Reuter.

BABY'S LIFE SAVED - BY TOUGH MEAT

(By A Special Correspondent)

BRITAIN'S BILTONG BABY lies in St. Bartholomew's Hospital London — saved by a piece of tough meat.

He is eighteen-month-old Victor Jackson, war baby from Richmond. He lies in his bed happily chewing away at a piece of biltong—long, thin strips of antelope and springbok flesh, dried hard in the South African sun.

Three weeks ago he entered the hospital with his life in danger. He was suffering from an internal disease which fed rapidly on fatty foods.

Dr. L. Harris, physician at the hospital, prescribed biltong as the only food which would nourish the baby without passing on any fat.

But the precious strips of meat could come only from South Africa, and the hospital despaired of getting them. Then someone phoned the High Commissioner for South Africa.

His wife, Mrs. Sidney Watson, head of the South African Comforts League, had received a shipment of biltong from home as a special delicacy for the South African troops stationed in Britain.

And the troops sacrificed some of their favourite dish for the baby.

EDEN VISIT TO HESS HOSPITAL SANCTUARY

Hush-Hush Attitude Still Adopted

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, HAS MET AND TALKED WITH RUDOLF HESS, IT WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY AT THE SECRET HOSPITAL SANCTUARY WHERE HESS IS BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO. THE REPORT IS UNCONFIRMED BUT HOSPITAL ATTACHES WOULD NOT DENY IT.

While the whole world continued to wonder about Hess's fantastic flight and the motives behind it, Hess is confined to bed and is brooding over his own ultimate fate.

According to doctors his ankle injury is painful but not serious. Hess is able to walk but so far has not responded to the cajoling of his medical staff, who are trying to get him to exercise.

One authority said that Hess is "finicky with his food and dislikes red meat and alcohol."

The prisoner listens to B.B.C. newscasts, largely concerned with himself, and according to hospital attaches, who tremble every time they speak, he reads English newspapers and Agatha Christie thrillers.

Scotland Yard detectives and members of the Yard's Political Branch are quartered near the hospital, where members of the staff formerly mingled with newspapermen with the utmost freedom.

A clammy silence now reigns there, broken only by furtive whisperings.

It is understood that this "conspiracy of silence" was ordered directly from 10, Downing Street, so whatever secrets Hess may have divulged still are secrets known only to Mr. Churchill, Mr. Eden and Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Meanwhile, German propaganda is still trying to convince the world that Hess flew to Britain on a peace mission.

"Truthful Joe"

Yesterday Goebbels' department put out a warning that powerful new Axis military smashes within the next few weeks would clearly prove Hess flew to Britain to start a peace drive as "the only way to avoid the destruction of the British Empire."

The Germans still allege that documents Hess left behind showed he planned to talk with the Duke of Hamilton, inspire action by "the anti-Churchill clique" and then fly back to the Reich within two days.

Hess felt himself a "Messiah," says Berlin, "and had an absurd idea he could fly back to Germany when he had fulfilled his mission of rapprochement."

In A Few Weeks

Nazi propaganda trumpets: "The British jubilation will be short lived when they discover Hess's true intentions. We believe that in a few weeks England will have things to occupy herself other than Hess."

It was semi-officially claimed in Berlin that Hess will not be able to give the British any concrete military information.

"Hess was not informed about Reich military plans which are available only to a very small circle. But he did know enough to come to the conclusion that the war would end in the destruction of England." — International News Service.

GOOD SOLDIERS ALL

Royce Brier, columnist in the "San Francisco Chronicle," says: "Proving they can take it, the British people are displaying traits common to all good soldiers."

"Students of soldiers' behavior have always been struck by the fact that trained troops will endure well under greatly superior attack as long as their ammunition is

The South African newspapers generally agree that Hess's flight shows the existence of a crack in the Nazi facade.

The "Cape Times" asks why Hitler has not published the documents Hess is said to have left behind.

The "Rand Daily Mail" states

adequate and their leaders spare them from untenable situations.

"The Luftwaffe is still superior quantitatively to the R.A.F. but it is inferior qualitatively."

"The R.A.F. gives evidence of being able to take care of itself provided it can get replacements on the prodigious scale required for effective aeronautical warfare." — Reuter.

DUKE OF HAMILTON AUTHORISED TO SEE HESS

THE DUKE OF HAMILTON saw Rudolf Hess within 48 hours of his parachute descent in Scotland, it was revealed in London yesterday.

The Duke was on duty at an R.A.F. aerodrome when, on official instructions, he flew to Glasgow and met Hess in the presence of representatives of both the Intelligence Service and the Foreign Office.

Thereafter the Duke returned to his duties.

Hess is stated to be in an isolated room with an officer in attendance and guards nearby. His condition is said to be improving rapidly.

Meanwhile, Hess's plane is to be on show in Trafalgar Square as part of London's War Weapons Week during which it is hoped to raise at least half of the total subscribed by all provincial towns.

TO-NIGHT, THE PLANE WILL BE HOUSED IN ONE OF LONDON'S MOST HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND TO-MORROW MORNING IT WILL HEAD A PROCESSION OF NATIONAL SAVINGS CARS AND MOBILE CINEMA VANS ON "CONSTITUTION HILL."

Later it will be taken to Trafalgar Square where members of the public will be able to view the plane. — Reuter.



A Lakeland shepherd carries a lamb through a field of wild daffodils blooming on the fells. A delightful picture from Troutbeck, Westmorland. (Copyright, Fox).

SOUTH AFRICA ON HESS

the fact that Hess chose to be a prisoner of war in Britain, rather than go to America via Portugal, shows the flight was a protest as well as an escape. The pro-war Afrikaans newspaper "Suiderster" says the flight is the beginning of an exodus of Nazi leaders who fear the wrath of the misguided German people as the hour of reckoning approaches. — Reuter.

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SITUATION IN IRAQ RAPIDLY BEING GOT UNDER CONTROL

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Cairo)

"THE SITUATION IN IRAQ IS RAPIDLY BEING GOT UNDER CONTROL," STATED A BRITISH OFFICER WHO HAS JUST FLOWN BACK FROM HABBANIYAH IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH REUTER YESTERDAY MORNING.

The officer continued: "The R.A.F., cooperating with the British Imperial forces, have now put out of action the Iraqi air force without having to use very devastating methods.

"The Iraqi army in isolated sections showed a spirited offensive spirit but in the main it was unprepared for major engagements and as soon as it was up against it, it surrendered in large numbers.

"The rising was entirely influenced by the Nazi propaganda machine pouring mistruths into the ears of Iraqians—Baghdad radio spewing forth lies all day trying to invoke hatred of Britishers in the Near East.

"Evidence of methods employed by the Germans is furnished by the fact that Raschid Ali paid four Iraqi generals £100 each, cash down, to lead the revolt.

Dropping Pamphlets

"The British tried every means to stop the revolt peacefully. I myself flew down the Embrose Valley dropping pamphlets but I was fired on by isolated batches of rebels with machine-guns.

"During the last few days I saw several unidentified aircraft flying over Iraq, probably German. They all sheered off most quickly on the approach of our aircraft.

"The Iraqians are tough soldiers but easily influenced, and with the arrival of reinforcements from India, the position is rapidly easing."

Nazi 'Planes

The officer confirmed reports of the arrival of a number of Nazi planes at Syrian airfields. The British Imperial forces, he said, were established in the Near East and confident they were able to handle the situation.—Reuter.

DANCE HALLS DEFY BLITZ

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

London dance halls are planning to go on beating the blitz.

At the moment the Government has no intention of placing a ban on them or imposing a curfew, though such measures were suggested recently when dance-halls were hit and casualties occurred.

"Dancing is a valuable wartime sedative, and the people who want to stop it are just crazy cranks," said the manager of a chain of halls to the "Daily Mirror."

"Safe As Churches"

"Dance-halls are just as safe as churches, cinemas, railway stations, or any other spot where large numbers of people gather—probably a good deal safer than some.

"They are well lit and equipped with plenty of emergency exits. Our halls have fire-watchers and roof-spotters, and local managers cooperate with the authorities in fire-drill rehearsals and in training the staff to cope with any emergency.

G.M. FOR RESCUING BLAZING PILOT

For rescuing a blazing R.A.F. man from a Wellington bomber, Lance-Sergeant Edward Albert Provins and Gunner David John Edwin Roberts, both of the Royal Artillery have been awarded the George Medal.

Provins, in charge of a searchlight site, tried to help the pilot to land safely by swinging a searchlight beam on trees and on the hilly ground.

But the plane crashed. Provins formed a rescue party. Although the plane was burning furiously and bullets were flying, he directed rescue operations with coolness and efficiency.

Roberts, one of the rescue party, assisted in lifting one of the wings of the burning plane and then went in among the flames.

He dragged out a member of the crew who was covered in oil, with his boots, trousers and hair burning.

Roberts got the man clear of the burning wreckage and extinguished the flames on his burning clothing.

HEAVY DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY IN MALTA

There was considerable damage to civilian property and some people were killed in Wednesday night's raid on Malta, which was carried out by a smaller formation of enemy planes than usual.

Bombs were dropped but no Naval or R.A.F. property was damaged and there were no Service casualties, states an official communique.—Reuter.

THEY SAVE CASH IN BOMBED METERS

Early visitors to bomb-wrecked areas after a blitz are the men who collect money from the gas meters of deserted houses.

Often the money has paid for more gas than has been consumed, and many inquiries have reached the "Daily Mirror" about what happens to the money.

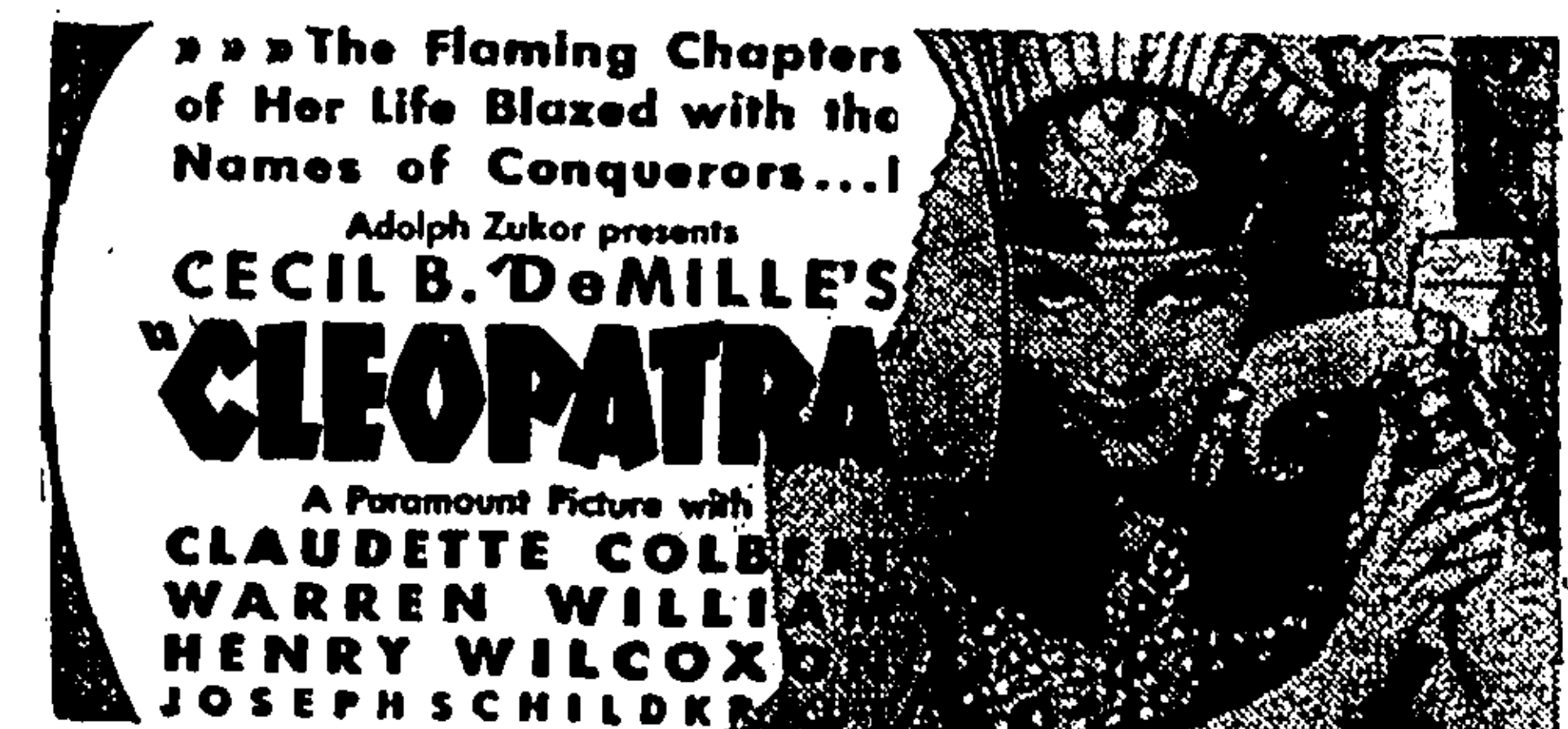
The Gas Light and Coke Company credits surplus money to the consumer, and it is returned when he is traced. If he cannot be found it is held until he applies for it.

In badly-bombed areas the gas company usually opens a temporary office to assist residents in doubt.

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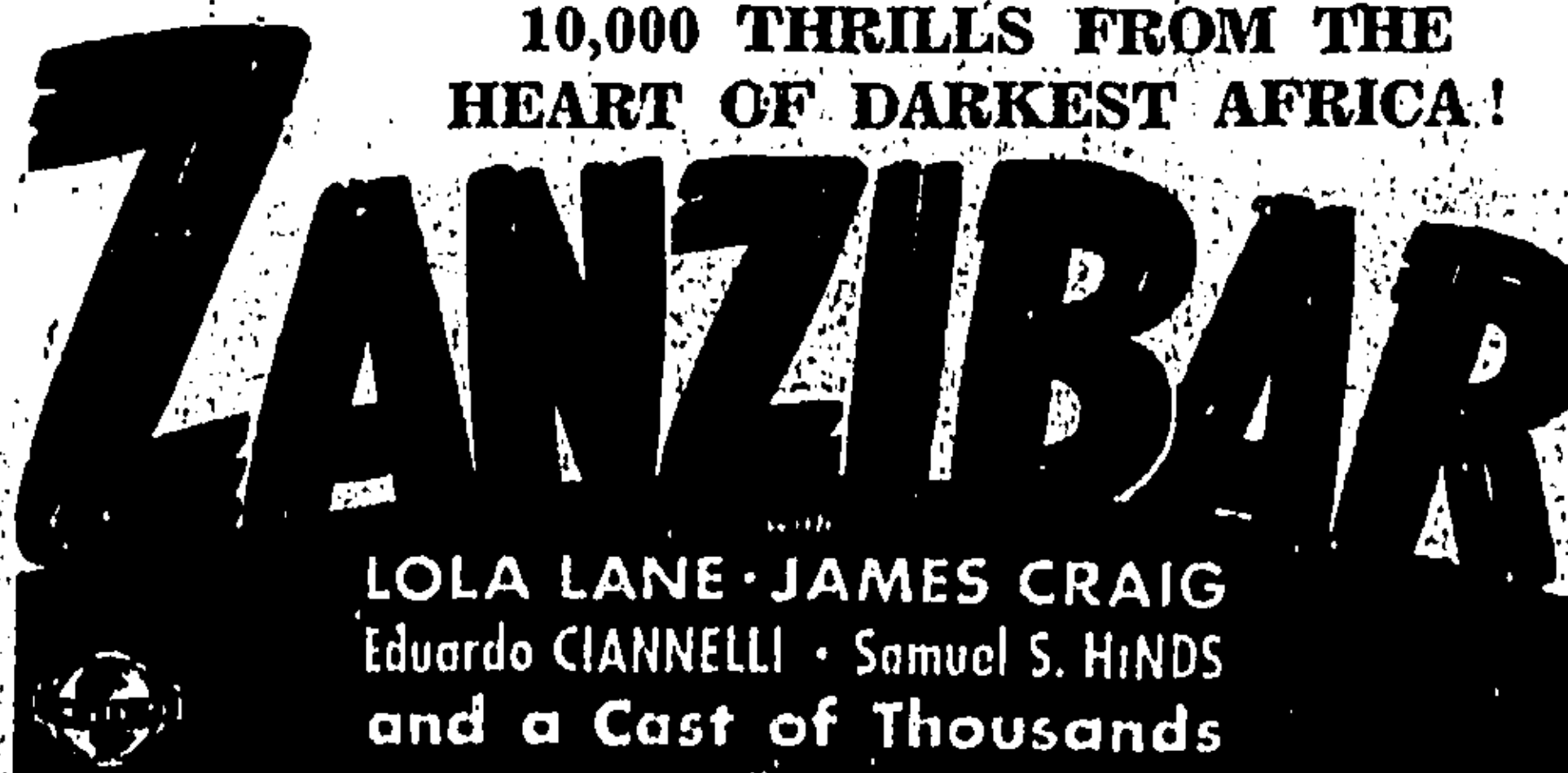
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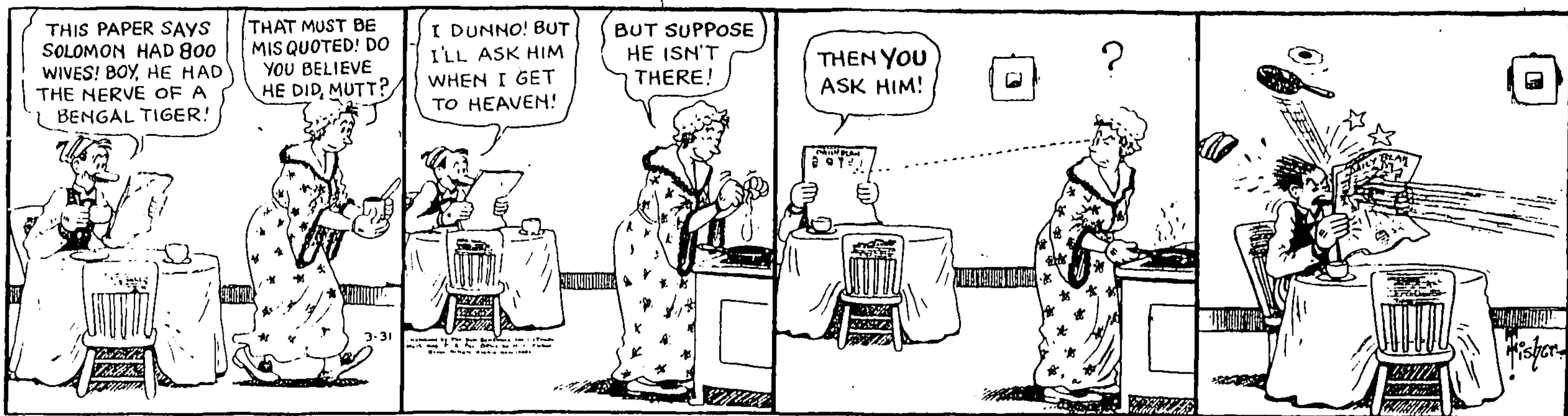
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DODECANESE BOMBED BY R.A.F. IN MIDDLE EAST

A BRITISH MIDDLE EAST communique yesterday reported widespread attacks by the R.A.F. in Cyrenaica, the Dodecanese, Iraq and Abyssinia.

The communique stated: Cyrenaica — on the night of May 12/13 our bombers over Benghazi registered direct hits on the railway, military headquarters, buildings of the governorate and the base of the cathedral mole. Fires were started but detailed observation was difficult.

Numerous reconnaissance patrols were carried out on Wednesday.

The Dodecanese — on the previous night aerodromes at Maritza and Chato were bombed and fires started, and hit obtained near dispersed aircraft.

Iraq — continuous aerial attacks on rebel positions and objectives, such as aerodromes, railways and motor transport, Amara, Rashid, Mosul and the railway at Baghdad.

Abyssinia — direct hits were obtained on Fort Mendi in central Abyssinia and machine-gun posts and troops were attacked at

Seidamanna and Gubbassere by units of the South African Air Force.

Malta — enemy aircraft raided Malta on the night of May 13/14, causing slight damage to R.A.F. property but no casualties, civilian or military.

There was another small raid on Wednesday. British fighters intercepted and drove off these planes.

From all these operations two aircraft were lost but the pilot of one of them escaped safely by parachute. — Reuter.

MISTAKE DOWNS A NAZI

There is a Free Frenchman flying for Britain who made his first kill because he turned to right when his flight commander said left.

With Canadians, New Zealanders and British as his brother pilots, the Frenchman was flying with a Spitfire Squadron on patrol. For a time the Spitfires had the sky to themselves. Then the commander ordered a change of course. For a moment the Free Frenchman misunderstood. He went off to right while the remainder of the squadron went left. At Spitfire speed the Frenchman was a mile or two from his squadron when he realized his mistake.

But as he pushed open his throttle an enemy aircraft obligingly appeared ahead. The opportunity was too good to miss. The Frenchman, with a heaven-sent chance, flew close to the enemy machine, gave it several bursts from his eight machine-guns, and had the satisfaction of seeing the aircraft burst into flames and go down.

But that was in the Frenchman's early days as a Spitfire pilot. He has now brushed up his English so that "right" means "right," even in the heat of an aerial battle. He has seriously damaged one enemy aircraft, and probably destroyed another since he made his first kill by "mistake."

'TIP AND RUN' RAIDER RUNS TOO LATE

A Dornier 17, which was on its way to this country for a raid was intercepted before it could reach the coast by the pilots of two Hurricane fighters.

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All this time the bomber's rear-gunner returned their fire with more energy than accuracy, while the pilot turned his machine towards the land. To aid his escape he jettisoned his bombs in the sea.

The German then tried to glide over the sea to make a safe landing ashore. But his damaged machine failed to stay the course, and with a splash the Dornier glided straight into the water. It disappeared in exactly ten seconds.

When the fighter pilots returned, one of them found that the German rear-gunner had put a bullet through his tailplane. The other machine was undamaged.

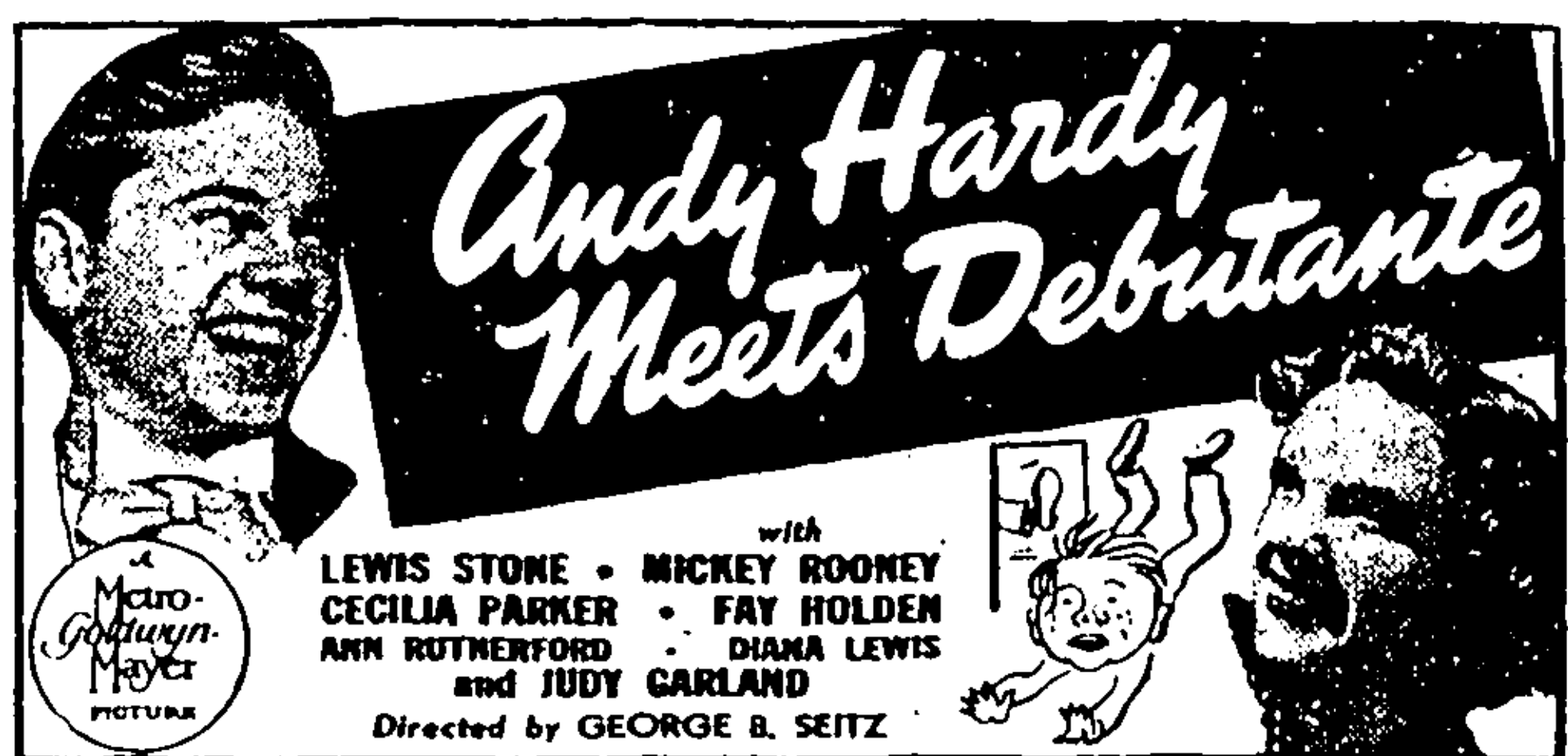
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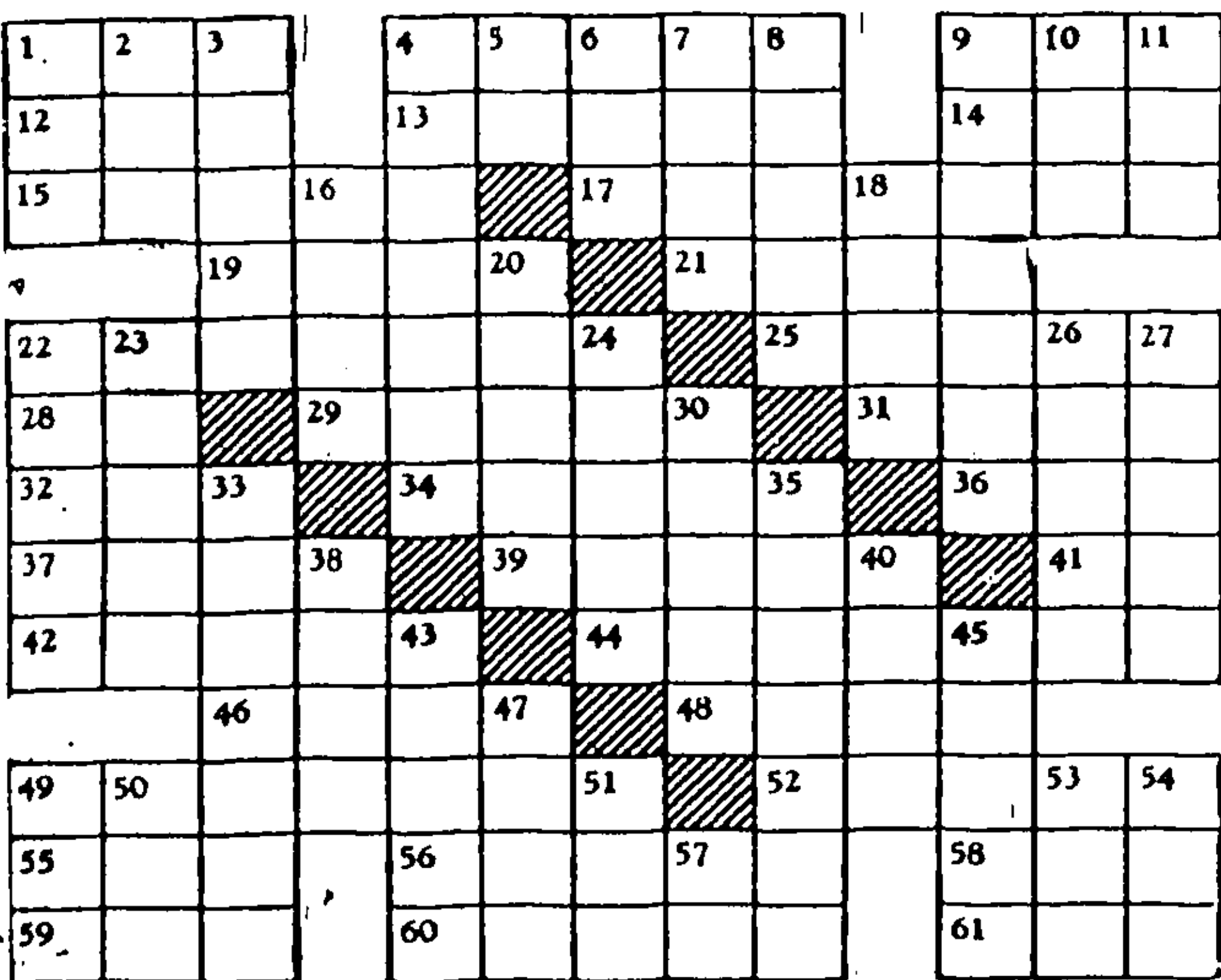
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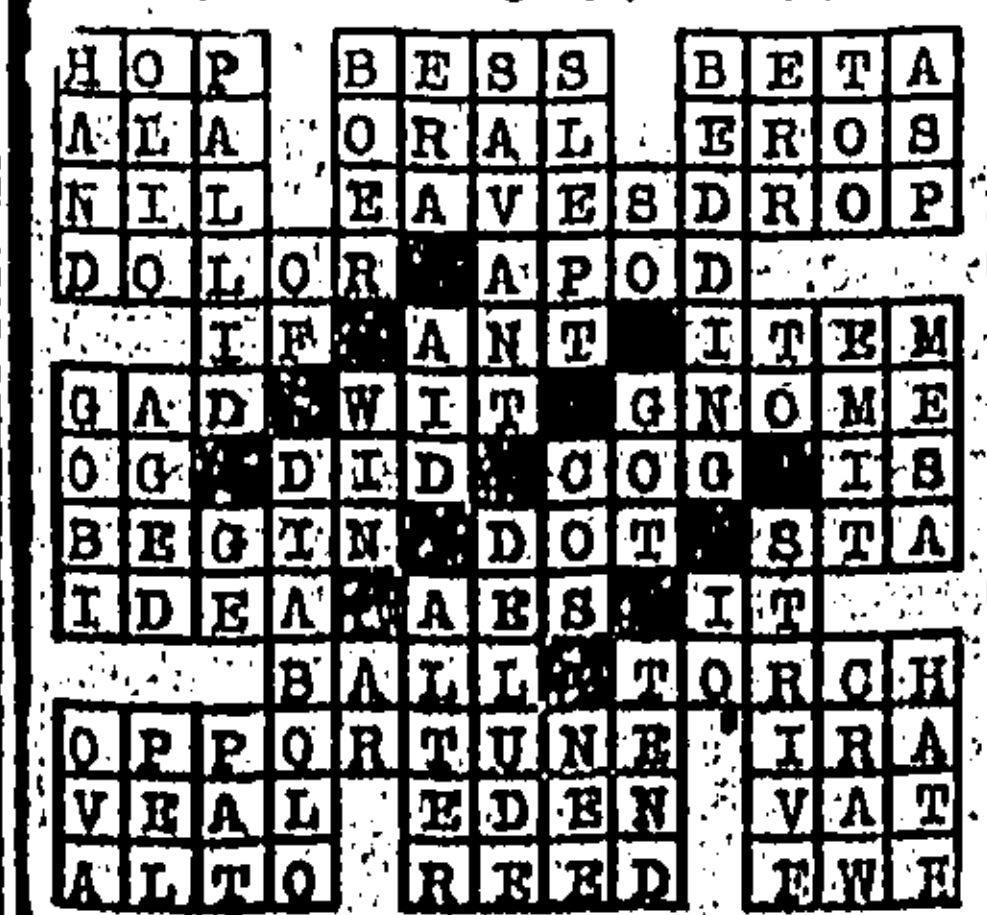
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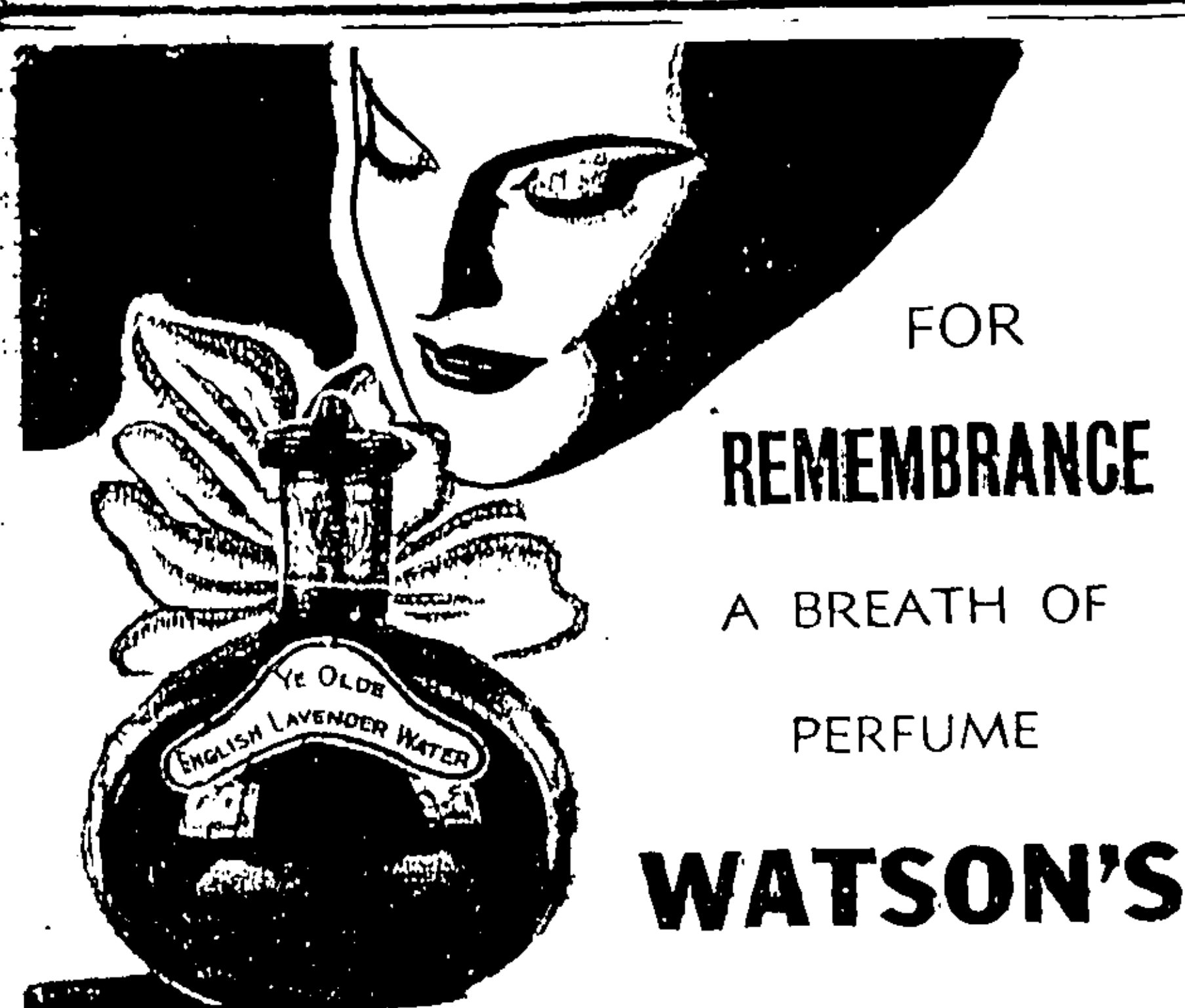
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- 4 To accumulate
- 9 To raise with a lever
- 12 Rowing implement
- 13 Drawing-room
- 14 Fish eggs
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- 17 To defend
- 19 To cease
- 21 Coal-car used at mine
- 22 Roundabout routes
- 25 Hebrew prophet
- 28 Mulberry
- 29 Archaic: to anoint
- 31 Ancient alloy
- 32 European fish
- 34 Allots
- 36 Period of time
- 37 To tear
- 39 River in Africa
- 41 Exits
- 42 Warmth
- 44 Ancient city on the Tigris
- 45 Girl's name

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JAPAN TURNS TO EXAMINING U.S. ATTITUDE

ONE WINTRY MORNING a slight, spare Japanese stood alone before the snow-mantled tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D. C., where he reverently clapped his hands and offered a sincere Shinto prayer. Then, ignoring the cold, he silently removed his overcoat, doffed his hat, and climbed slowly up the stone stairs to worship.

"Unknown Soldier," he whispered, "I trust you know who is this Oriental offering a prayer at your tomb. Twenty years have passed since you were sacrificed on a European battlefield.

"When politicians are trying to get big hands and attempting to become heroes of journalism, you silent victims sacrificed your lives for the cause of nations, as God only knows. "It must be a wonderful thing to be known only to God. "For Japan, I hope sincerely that many persons would be known only to God."

Returns To Tokyo

Now this Japanese, Tetsuma Hashimoto, has returned to Tokyo and he is writing his impressions of an America teeming with defense activity for the powerful industrial newspaper, "Chugai."

It is not as though Hashimoto was a member of the Japan-America society, a chap friendly to the United States through the years.

Instead he is leader of The Shunso, a resolute right wing group, and the mere fact that these articles are appearing in print, let alone being written, is a straw in the wind of what apparently is happening in Tokyo.

Hashimoto spent many weeks touring through the United States, from coast to coast, and north and south, as a member of a three-man economic group. While he says nothing about the persons with whom he talked, he definitely conferred with some of the most powerful business, financial and government leaders in both Washington and New York.

Throughout the late months of 1940 and in the early part of the year, the vernaculars have been beating the drums of antagonism. A significant change has taken place within the month, of which Hashimoto's reasoned, impartial analysis is typical.

Marvels At Police

Hashimoto told how at first he was a bit put out by the thoroughness of the police at San Francisco, where they examined his shoe soles and seams of his clothing, but afterwards he said he concluded this was all right, for after all he was a member of a mission there to inquire into industry.

"From then on," he writes, "we were never visited by the police." This astonished him, since foreigners in Japan usually are required to report departures from the city where they live, must register with the police, provide pictures, and register their addresses.

Hashimoto writes in detail of the plenty which surrounded him, and no wonder, for in Japan now there are lines of people waiting to buy bread from the bakeries, and frequently they don't get it, rice is strictly rationed, every scrap of old iron is saved and contributed to the government and a little extra sugar in the household is something to boast about.

"Scrap iron is seen everywhere in America," he writes. "America has no time to pay any attention to old things. She advances with new things. I told a friend of mine it would be easy for Japan and the United States to be friendly and cooperate in exchanging what they have."

Japanese Too Impatient

"But Japan may not be able to use America's abundant natural resources as long as the two nations are opposing each other. In my opinion the Japanese are too impatient. They are mad, because America has so much of natural richness and resources. The Japanese are too envious."

Hashimoto turns from his description of the economic wealth

of America to his experiences at the inauguration of President Roosevelt, and there again he found a sentiment entirely different from what he had expected.

He describes the purchase of a \$70 seat in front of the White House to see "that historic moment" and then continues with a discussion on he had with his friends to determine whether they should take a camera with them.

Considering conditions in his homeland, where even a Japanese carrying a camera or field glasses is a suspect, foreigners are questioned whenever they appear in places they are not expected, his decision is natural. He would, he concluded, leave the camera at home since he might be searched at the entrance.

Amazed At Friendliness

"We entered without trouble or being stopped and were greeted with friendly smiles," he wrote. "Again our misjudgment with the Japanese ideal!"

"We regretted the failure to bring our camera. When President Roosevelt left the White House we took off our hats and bowed our heads. The President's warm personality was reflected as he acknowledged the cheers of the people."

Hashimoto said he naturally thought California, "the cradle of the anti-Japanese movement," would be antagonistic, but "my expectation again proved erroneous. Of course Japanese firms are suffering from regulations enforced from the standpoint of national policy, particularly since the conclusion of the tripartite pact."

The conclusion Hashimoto inevitably reached after his visit was that, based on how he personally was received and welcomed, there is no antagonism toward the individual Japanese in the United States, but that the two governments are in a "head-long collision position."—Associated Press.

CHINESE "TEASER" STRIKE

Forty Chinese workmen, scorned the brusque "walkout" and the violence-breeding "sit-down" methods of Occidental labour, have introduced in Manila the quieter but still potent "teaser" strike.

Denied a 20-centavo raise, the 60-and 80-centavo-day men kept on reporting for work—but every day the group in the shop was one man smaller. Then the last of the 40 men failed to appear. Chua Sun Pek, operator of the Metal Sheet Factory, 845 San Fernando, told the police. He asked that the policeman on the beat drop by the plant oftener, though he does not expect any violence.

Chua explained that business had been so bad he could not afford to give the men the increase they demanded.

BLITZ BELL FOR CATHEDRAL

Bells salvaged intact from a blitz-damaged London church have been installed in Guildford's (Surrey) new cathedral. They will not be rung until after the war—unless there is an invasion warning in the district.

NAILS IN THE BELFRY

A Rumanian drove a nail into his head to relieve a headache. Though the nail was 4in. long, he only injured an eye nerve and his wound healed in ten days.

No sooner had he left hospital than he drove in another nail to prevent another headache, but this time he seriously injured his brain and is not expected to live.

JAPAN TO WAIT TILL ATTACKED

Colonel Jiro Saito, chief of the Japanese military mission in southern French Indo-China, told the "Associated Press" correspondent in Saigon "it is highly unlikely that there will be a Japanese-American conflict in the south Pacific in spite of appearances that America soon will be fighting Germany and despite Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuo's assertion that Japan would be forced to fight the United States if the latter joins in the war in Europe."

The Colonel maintained "Japan will fight only if attacked." He stated there were many "loopholes" in the Japan-Axis agreement regarding Japan's part in connection with the European conflict.

The predominant opinion in Indo-China is that Japan stands to lose vital imports and her great advantageous economic position in this French colony which she would be unable to protect should Japan participate in a south Pacific war.

Matsuoka's Pacific war declaration caused intense interest among the French in Saigon, they seeing in that connection American intervention and Indo-China's reprieve from Japanese military control should Japan and the United States clash.

Signature of the Thailand-Indo-China peace treaty at Tokyo received no publicity in Saigon. The newspapers paid no attention to it.

It was the opinion that Japan was not gaining Indo-China naval bases although it was believed the treaty might contain secret clauses providing for such bases.

Meanwhile Indo-China army chiefs announced demobilisation of the 1920 and 1930 classes, leaving few more than regulars in the colony's armed forces.

Hanoi travellers arriving in Saigon reported growing Japanese-German tension in that area resulting from alleged Nippon efforts to "squeeze out" arriving Nazis who were reported to be looking for "sugar plum" business opportunities in that region. — Associated Press.

CHINA MAIL
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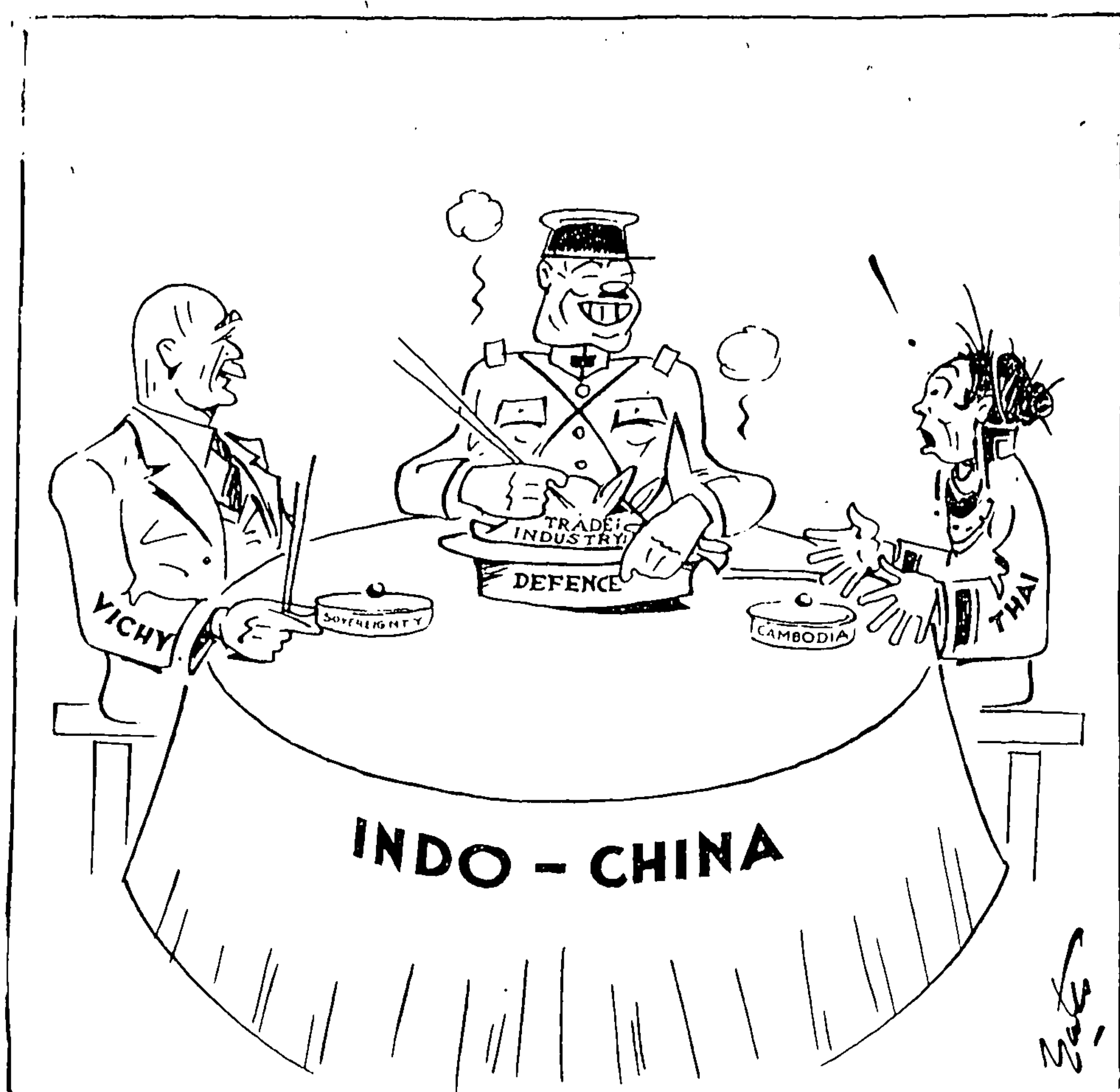
A STRAW IN THE WIND

The flight of Rudolf Hess to Britain, by virtue of his position in the German hierarchy, has such possibilities that the world remains gasping and conjecturing as to the underlying explanation.

Until Mr. Churchill makes his promised statement, there can be no dependable clue to the exact reason for the desperate action. The attempt of the Nazis to discredit any statement he may make by urging his insanity is useless. They cannot overcome the known fact that until a few days ago he was taking a prominent part in public life. He figured on the programme arranged for the birthday celebrations in honour of Hitler, delivering an eulogy on the Fuehrer on that occasion, and on May 1st he addressed employees of an armament factory at Augsburg. If Hess, Deputy Fuehrer and third most important official in the German Reich, suffered from mental derangement of any sort as the Berlin broadcast tried to insinuate, the question must naturally arise why such an unstable person was permitted to hold extremely responsible posts for so many years and permitted to make decisions vitally affecting the party.

The theory that his flight indicates dissension amongst the party leaders seemed surely based. It has been categorically denied in England that he carried proposals from the German Government. He obviously left Germany without the knowledge or approval of his Government. His defection is a loss and potentially dangerous. As the close friend of Hitler, he must know the secrets, ambitions and plans of that "bad man," and his erstwhile master must be in the highest degree nervous of what Hess might be willing to divulge.

His decision to escape makes it plain to the world that the internal situation in Germany is one of growing strain and stress, even for the leaders who are reported to live in the greatest of comfort. But wishful thinking is not justified. It should not be imagined that his flight indicates the imminence of a crack-up in the Nazi party or a



CO-PROSPERITY MEAL

From Morocco To Turkey

By
Anne O'Hare McCormick

Where now is Europe? As the scene of battle shifts to the other side of the Mediterranean, the Continent seems left behind in more senses than one. Britain is still waging there a war of blockade, which we propose to tighten to the limit. This is the purpose of Dr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, in asking the full participation of the United States in freezing Axis credits and boycotting Axis trade throughout this hemisphere; and he would not have sprung this plan on American reporters in London if it were not already under consideration in Washington. The Royal Air Force is intensifying the war in the air, stepping up the size and tempo of the raids on the Channel ports and the German production centres. Diplomats are applying as much pressure as they can on Spain, Portugal and unoccupied France.

But we are out of the Continent as we were not before we dispatched troops to Greece. For the present, at least we will fight no more land battles on European soil. Europe remains a target, a place of siege, an object of combat, but it is no longer the active fighting ground. Europe is a state of suspense, time standing still, a

split between the party and the German people. It may, indeed, in the face of the common danger, more closely unite the remaining German leaders, at least for a time. As for the German people, it has already been clearly demonstrated that they have long ago surrendered their freedom of life, thought and action so completely that the stories invented for their consumption by Dr. Goebbels and his assistants on this occasion will probably be readily accepted as have other, more dubious lies.

vast waiting room, crowded with millions of hungry human beings living in darkness and coma. They are reconditioned while they wait, of course, so the issues at stake are being decided by them as much as by the combatants.

They are Europe. Yet Iraq is Europe, too. Crete is Europe. The pink house out on the Anatolian hills beyond Ankara is Europe, for there President Ismet Inönü will ponder Turkey's reply to the message Franz von Papen has brought from Berlin. The British Isles are now the core of Europe.

Wherever it is fought, this conflict is always and essentially a war for Europe, but the Continent itself has become too narrow to cover the lines that run out from this centre like the branches of a tree.

This truth was never so manifest as when the contest moves to the margins of Europe. The first fact that looms as Hitler prepares to charge in Asia and Africa is that a new ordeal impends for France. The development of the Nazi drive on Egypt is bound to affect the position of France in North Africa and in Syria. It must reopen, within France and Britain, the most painful wound of the war.

General Weygand now faces the showdown postponed for a time by the Italian defeat in the Mediterranean. Has he force enough to keep his pledge to resist any invader of the French Empire? Those who know Marshal Petain believe that he will never break his word not to allow French territory or the French fleet to be used against France's former ally; but how long will the decision be left in his hands? How important a role in the coming battle will be played by the forces mobilised by General de Gaulle in Equatorial Africa?

Disarmed and defeated, the French are at the mercy of Hitler. He holds nearly 2,000,000 hostages, controls the food supply, exercises absolute police powers. If in such circumstances the Laval and de Brinons have failed to speed up a policy of "collaboration" with Germany, resistance must be very strong, from the old Marshal down to wives of the war prisoners. It is inconceivable that France should fight Britain and inevitable that the Germans will use every means to coerce her. The re-emergence of this tragic issue shows how literally the war for Europe is merely transferred to North Africa.

The clash in Iraq proves the same point. It is not by chance that a pro-Axis government is established at Baghdad, or that opposition to Britain flares up in this frowsy capital on the Tigris. Nor is it only a question of oil, rich and coveted as are the wells of Mosul.

Iraq is the strategic centre of the great Arabian peninsula and has been deliberately picked out by the Germans as a focal point for an Arab rising. The irony is that British armies freed Iraq from the Turks in the last war, and Iraq is the only mandated territory in this area that has been given independence. Syria, under French mandate, seethes with discontent because the same status was not accorded her, and Palestine is kept under British rule because of the conflict between the Arabs and the Jews.

It can be imagined how the call to a "holy war" could stir up the latent fanaticisms in these countries. The Arabs are too divided, too split into tribal factions, too weak militarily, to make this apparently premature threat very dangerous. The Iraq Army is only a shadow, incapable of offering serious resistance even to a small British force. The whole thing is a scarecrow, but it may have a dreadful effect.

This is Berlin in Baghdad. The Iraq revolt may prove an abortive gesture, but it is a logical climax of the propaganda and bribery employed to forge the sword of Islam into a weapon in the European war. As the flames lighted in Europe spread along the Mediterranean coast from Morocco to Turkey, we see that no continent can contain this devouring fire.

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SHANGHAI IS VICTIM OF 2 WARS

SHANGHAI IS a double war orphan to-day, victim of both the European and Far Eastern wars. The city, normally the seventh largest in the world, is now third in population, due to the influx of war refugees in contrast to the flight of residents from Europe's bombed capitals.

Shanghai's 5,000,000 residents are partially marooned, blockaded and starved. The city is a powder keg of social unrest, corruption, crime, terrorism and violently clashing international interests. It faces increasingly serious shortages of nearly everything essential to its life, except money.

There is, literally, more money than anybody knows what to do with. Bankers estimate idle capital at the amazing figure of US\$150,000,000 and Ch.\$1,500,000,000, a total of nearly three hundred million American dollars. Not all of it is at present in Shanghai, but it belongs to Shanghai interests and could be made available for investment in Shanghai. Eager investors recently oversubscribed a local stock issue 130 times, not so much an indication of confidence in the city's future as proof that large sums of money are about as useful in Shanghai to-day as a rowboat in the desert. In normal times Shanghai is important to many countries, both for investments and as the gateway to the markets of China. The United States has \$50,000,000 invested there, mostly in the power plant and telephone company; British investments total \$250,000,000, and Japan owns important manufacturing establishments.

But those investments and China's trade are, at least temporarily, unimportant compared to the larger issues at stake in the Pacific. Consequently Shanghai has become a football of international policy.

The Food Problem

Local authorities are powerless to solve Shanghai's problems, and have made only fumbling efforts to do so.

One ever urgent need is food—rice for the 4,900,000 Chinese residents. There is still plenty of champagne for the foreigners who can afford it, oceans of whiskey and an abundance of imported fruits and vegetables. But there is too little rice.

The shortage is partly the fault of wealthy Chinese profiteers, but mostly the result of Japanese policy. Rice grows in abundance within a few miles of Shanghai, but most of the rice eaten there comes from French Indo-China. The Japanese are taking Chinese rice for their own people, for one thing, and when they do allow rice to come through their land blockade of Shanghai they extort exorbitant "taxes"—taxes which never find their way into any recognised treasury but line the soldiers' pockets.

The cost of this basic Chinese food is now as much as 800 per cent above its pre-war level. It takes over Ch.\$100 to feed four people for a month, and the average Chinese worker or clerk seldom sees that much money at one time.

Labour Trouble Growing

Many employers have raised salaries and granted living allowances, but strikes and labour troubles are growing daily as workers find it increasingly difficult to live on their wages.

The food problem has existed since Japan attacked Shanghai in 1937 and has worsened month by month. Lately the new problem of industrial shortages has become serious.

Power consumption has been arbitrarily reduced by 30 per cent, thus slowing the wheels of industry. The reduction was necessitated by war-induced shortages of coal and fuel oil.

Shanghai's coal normally comes from north China, whose natural resources are now monopolised by Japan. The British Government lacks colliers to bring coal from India, and refuses to permit tankers to come north of Hong Kong with fuel oil from the Dutch East

Indies. The United States, apparently for the purpose of preventing fuel oil and gasoline from reaching Japan, is releasing only an occasional tanker for Shanghai.

The Export Ban

The most recent blow was an application of the United States licensing export system to Shanghai. This move was taken by Washington primarily to keep important American products from reaching Germany and Japan through Shanghai. But the American business community in Shanghai and all industry there—has been caught in the nutcracker of American policy.

Business spokesmen report that every one of the 200 American firms in Shanghai is affected directly or indirectly by the licensing ban. Unless it is relaxed, they report, the entire United States business community in the Far East "will be wiped out."

American businessmen say they are in sympathy with Washington's policy, but they believe the ban should be loosened sufficiently to permit fulfilment of legitimate trade and industrial orders in Shanghai. They point out that it is useless to apply the licence embargo to Shanghai while leaving the Philippines "wide open" for re-export of American goods to Japan and Germany.

STUDENT AND GIRL VANISH

Police, fishermen and patrolling R.A.F. planes are searching along the coast line of several counties for a pretty auburn-haired secretary of nineteen and a theological student aged twenty, missing from their Merseyside home.

They are Miss Winifred Gaiger, daughter of a well-known Liverpool University professor, now dead, and Neil Parry, the brilliant son of a Birkenhead riveter.

Left On Bicycles

He is a student at Liverpool University, where Miss Gaiger is a secretary.

They left on their bicycles to study bird life among the lonely sands and marshes of the Mersey Estuary.

Fishermen have traced outgoing footsteps from the point where their bicycles were found.

There is hope that they may have been picked up by a small coastal vessel without wireless when cut off by the tide. Both are good swimmers.

HEROES OR MARTYRS?

"What shall it profit a man if he braves a blitz like a hero and then is killed in a road accident?" asks the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

"The nation has too much need of heroes for them to be martyrs," Press.

NO "GRAND OPENING" FOR THE BOSS

Everything was ready for the grand opening of a new branch of the First National Bank at New Rochelle, New York.

Speeches had been made; ribbons had been snipped by the Mayor; the National Anthem had been sung, and the moment arrived for the bank's president, Ernest Watson, to make his entrance.

But he was too fat to go through the door!

Watson, who weighs 17st. 7lb., tried to wriggle in the opening, saw it couldn't be done, sighed, and retreated with dignity, while the crowd gave such sympathetic advice as "Build a bigger door, fatty," and "You can keep your desk outside."

NEW RICH CLASS IN CHINA

A new moneyed class has sprung up in unoccupied China as an outgrowth of the Sino-Japanese war.

Its members are ricksha men, chauffeurs, carters, burden carriers and day labourers engaged in transporting goods from the sea-coast to west China. They are earning the unprecedented — for China — wages of Ch. \$8 and \$10 daily. Before the war they averaged about that much monthly.

Chauffeurs are the plutocrats in this new society, especially those who drive the heavy trucks which bring supplies from the China-Burma border to Chungking over the hazardous Burma road. For one such trip they realise from Ch. \$800 to \$1,000, a fortune to the average Chinese. A well paid chauffeur in Shanghai earns Ch.\$80 a month, the equivalent of US\$4.

The growing wealth of the transportation workers is one phase of a social readjustment which is evident everywhere in Free China to-day. With prices rising excessively, the salaried and professional classes are having difficult times, since their incomes have not increased. Their dollars are worth only one-fourth of their pre-war values.—Associated Press.

SHELL SPLINTERS FOR U.S.

A dump of shell splinters, which are sold to a firm of jewellers, made into "Battle for Britain" brooches and resold to America, was seen by the Lord Privy Seal when he visited Tottenham's salvage centre.

FINNS URGED TO FISH

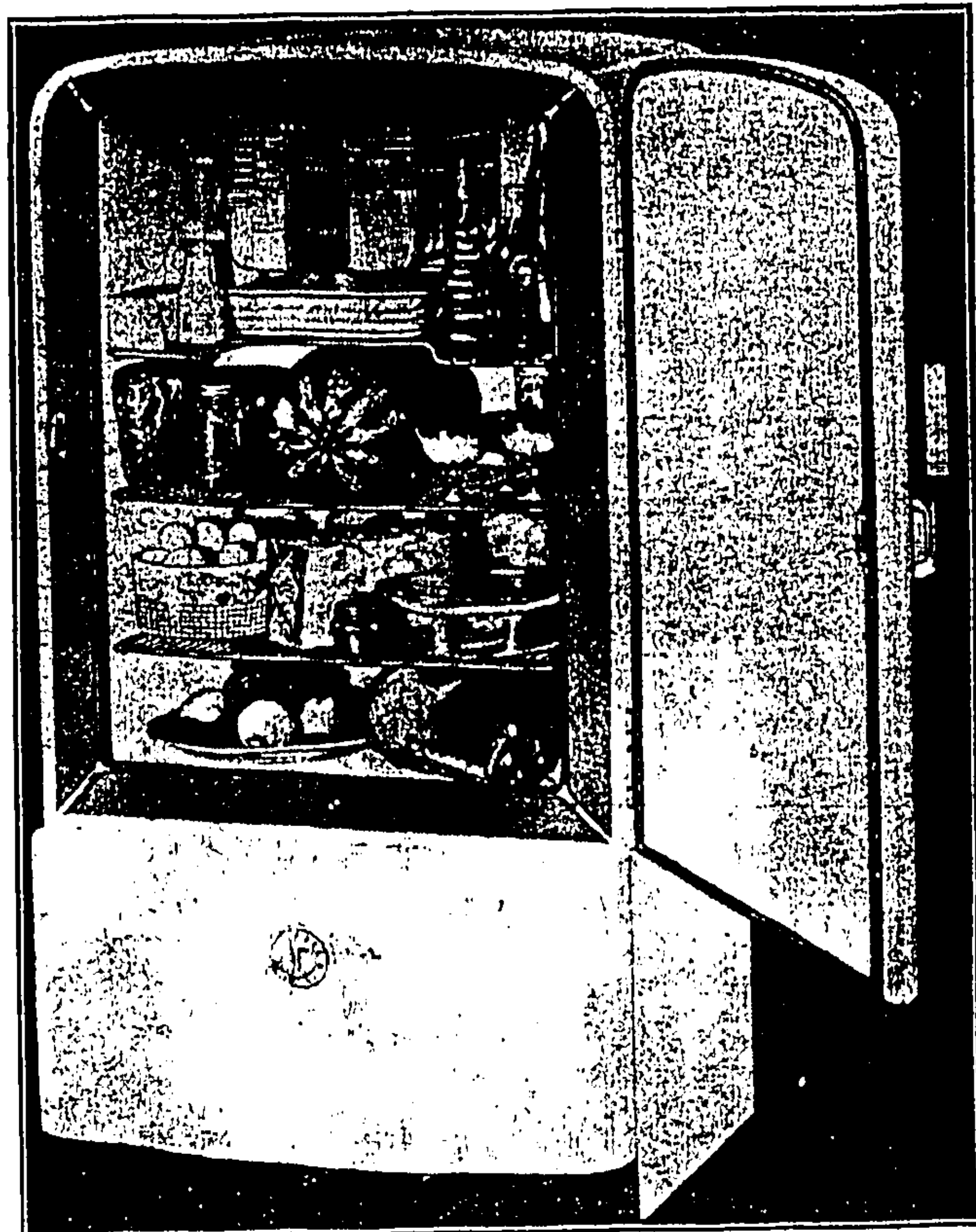
As Finland's supply of meat is expected to be exhausted, Dr. Rytö, President of Finland, asked his Parliament to pass a law granting every citizen the right to fish in any waters.—Associated Press.



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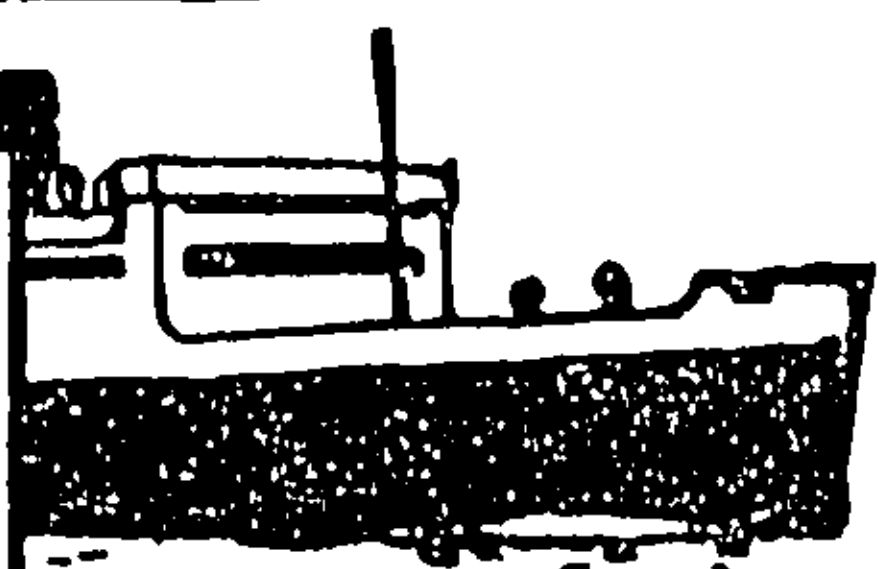
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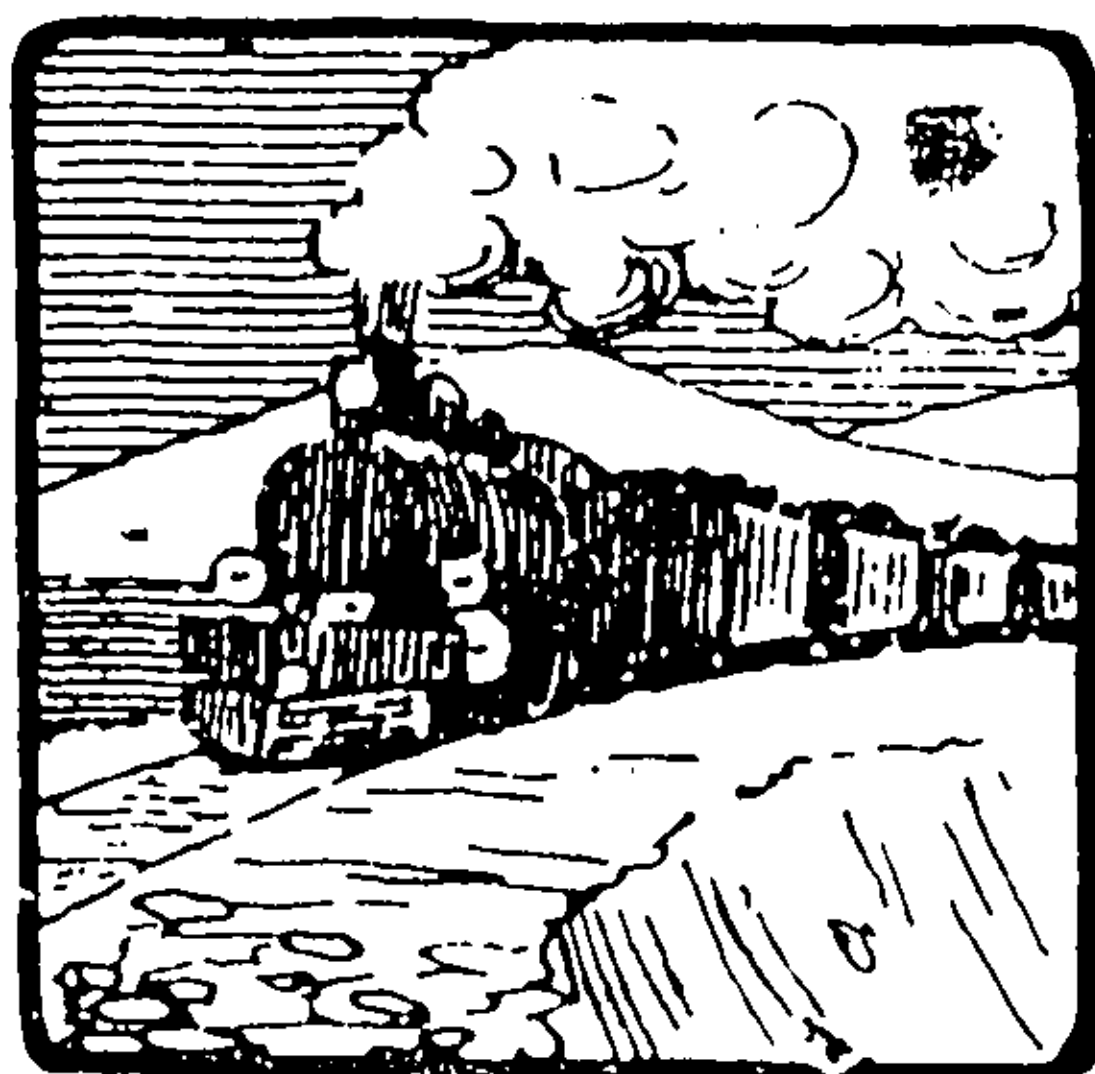
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BOMB KILLED 8 OF HER RELATIVES

In one tragic night, eleven-year-old May Sharp lost eight relatives when a bomb dropped on their house in a recent air raid on Birmingham. May was not at home at the time.

Her father, Mr. Alfred Sharp, her stepmother, two brothers, her only sister, and her three step-sisters were all killed.

May and three of her brothers, who are in the Army, are the only survivors of the family.

Lord Stamp, in a radio appeal on behalf of the National Children's Home and Orphanage, told her story.

May was staying at a children's hostel, where she had been taken by her parents, when her home was bombed.

"Poor little May, she does not seem to comprehend the news. She is proud of it," one of the hostel sisters said.

"The other children look upon her with awe, and May is proud that someone belonging to her should have died in this way."

In his broadcast Lord Stamp said "In the long run babies mean more than bombs and children more than campaigns."

PRINCESSES GROW FOOD

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, who are evacuated to the country, have converted their flower beds into vegetable gardens, and are now growing onions and carrots.

This is in response to the King's appeal to everyone connected with the royal household to grow as much food as possible.

The King has given plots of ground in the royal gardens at Windsor Castle to every lodge-keeper on the estate.

Enough ground is being allotted for each lodgekeeper to grow enough vegetables the whole year through for his family.

In a notice circulated to employees the King stresses the importance of growing every possible ounce of vegetables.

GHOST OF A RAINBOW

The crew of a Hudson reconnaissance aircraft flying over the North Sea when the moon was full saw a very clear lunar rainbow.

"It was like the ghost of a sun-rainbow" said the pilot. "It made a complete semi-circle, with the ends going down to the sea. You could just make out the different colours, but they were very thin and weak."

"It was a beautiful sight such as none of us had seen before, and made a pleasant change from the searchlights and anti-aircraft fire we had just left on the Norwegian coast."



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EXCEPTIONALLY FIERY GREENS ON SATURDAY

Bradbury Scores Seven As Result Of Good Bowling

Madar's Change Of Tactics Pay Against Carlos Silva

By "Lead"

LAST SATURDAY WAS AN IDEAL DAY FOR BOWLS. A VERY HOT SUN WAS TEMPERED BY A COOL BREEZE AND WITH MOST OF THE GREENS IN SPLENDID CONDITION AFTER THEIR OFF-SEASON REST. THREE HOURS ON THE BOWLING GREEN PROVED A VERY ENJOYABLE WAY OF SPENDING A HALF-HOLIDAY.

The dry spell had its disadvantages, however, as most of the greens were as hard as iron and exceptionally fast. From all over the Colony I have had reports of heads being completed with 50 per cent. or so of the woods in the ditch. Most remarkable case brought to notice was in the K.C.C.-P.O.C. match in Second Division. When Carr, of K.C.C. went down to bowl against Bagley, on a long head, the latter's front men had left only one wood alive!

All matches went as expected in First Division but Craigen-gower, first victims this season of Prison Officers, had a good win over the Hong Kong Footballers in Second Division. P.O.C. again did well on this occasion beating a strong K.C.C. side quite comfortably.

Most notable result in Third Division was the big victory scored by Cricket Club over Hong Kong Electric, in the latter team's first match of the season.

Lockhart's Grand Game

Hall and Sheriff had a rough time against McKelvie and Duncan, respectively, but with Holland scoring steadily from the 6th end onward, K.B.G.C. "A" supporters were never unduly worried about the ultimate result of the match with their juniors.

McKelvie at one stage appeared to have the measure of Hall, when he led 16-7 at the 14th, but the luck then changed and a big run for the senior skip from then onward enabled him to win by two shots, although he required a three at the last end to accomplish this.

Phillips, to whom the sympathies of all bowlers will go on his bereavement, had rather the better of Morton, while there was little to choose between White and Peckham, both being rather patchy.

Lockhart, however, was in grand form and was too good for Meyer, and Hall and McKelvie were well matched and usually had something of their own in the count.

Duncan finished strongly to beat Sheriff after being three shots to the bad with only three heads to go. Hodder had the better of Sykes, who played such a fine game last week, and honours between Gill and Dixon were shared. Levett did not do at all badly against the experienced Hyde-Lay, while Sheriff, although he showed some improvement on his form on the previous week, could not get the better of Duncan, who was as sound as ever.

There was little to choose between the front men in the Holland-Guy match, the issue being decided on the superiority of Holland over Guy. The former was in great form and on at least three occasions took the kitty back to turn adverse counts to his own advantage. In fairness to Guy, however, it must be mentioned that he was indisposed—it was even worse than that—he went home after the match and discovered he was running a temperature of 103!

Madar's Rally

Prior to the tea-interval, it appeared probable that the Champions would lay it into K.C.C. far more thickly than they eventually did, but a good rally by Madar improved matters to such an extent that there was only 14 shots in it all round when the match ended.

Madar adjourned for tea at the wrong end of a 6-20 score and I gather that he then went in to committee with his No. 3, Bebbington, and adopted an entirely different policy which almost enabled him to at least tie. Luz and Marques were completely outbowling Guest and Parsons and although Bebbington held Dick Alves pretty well all through, Madar was not given much chance of getting in when he went down to bowl.

After tea the K.C.C. rink adopted "blitzkrieg" tactics. Every time Recreio had the shot and that was nearly all the time—Bebbington had a crack at breaking up the head. Three times he was so successful that he carried the kitty into the ditch. When he did not succeed Madar himself had a try, and Carlos Silva was altogether given quite a hectic time! K.C.C. put together 14 shots after tea

against Recreio's two singletons and those singletons proved the margin between the rinks.

Lady Luck

Teddy Fincher went down to Luz by six shots and there was little in it throughout, Recreio usually having such luck as was going. As an instance of this K.C.C. were on one occasion lying four, when Luz, with his last wood, wicketed off a wing wood to take shot, which Fincher could not disturb with his last delivery. On another occasion, Jackie Noronha came up narrow and, striking an outside Recreio wood, knocked it in for shot, thus ruling out another four K.C.C. counters.

The twos and threes on both sides were not bowling very well and the real interest lay in the brilliant fight staged between the two leads.

Arthur Perry was brilliant and had a slight edge on F. X. Soares, although the latter was also at the top of his form.

Luz was somewhat better than Fincher.

There was another even struggle between Joe Fraser and "Spuggy" Silva, which was decided in favour of Recreio by some uncanny drawing on the part of "Spuggy" himself, who judged his weight perfectly. On one occasion Fraser was lying five and instead of attempting to block, went for another counter. His opposite number thereupon came up with a perfect wood to draw the very first!

Xavier was as steady as a rock at lead and usually had the better of George Lee, who gave the impression of being out of practice, but the No. 2's were pretty well matched. Taylor did his stuff well although he was inclined to be short at times, while Ribeiro played some good shots. Fraser tried hard and at no time would admit Silva to be his superior.

Bradbury's Seven

Highlight of the Craigen-gower-Kowloon Dock match was Bradbury's seven against Kempton. I gather it was a very good head and at one stage there were some five woods draped around the Jack—none of them more than a foot away.

Souza, who played a sound game right through, had two counters, and Doc Karanjia, after putting his first in the ditch, drew a third shot. Coates thereupon put two more in the count and when the skips went down to bowl, Craigen-gower were lying a certain four, with the possibility of a fifth and a sixth.

Bradbury, anticipating a drive, placed his first wood behind the Jack—a lovely shot—and sure enough Kempton had a go. Instead of removing some of the offending woods, however, he cracked one of his own, which knocked into another to remove his two possible counters. Bradbury proceeded to draw a seventh and Kempton tried to draw to save but was heavy and finished in the ditch.

Finest player of the eight was undoubtedly Karanjia, who was consistently deadly, but his opposite number was not to be put off by this sort of thing and gave a great display, probably being the best of the visiting four.

Greig could not get the weight—the Craigen-gower green was particularly fast—but although he was absolutely unable to draw, his heavy shots were very effective and he saved on several occasions by trailing the kitty, or taking out a counter.

Bradbury did not have as much to do as Kempton, who never gave up trying.

Omar conceded three fours to Morrison but was never in any real trouble, while Rosset had little to worry about against Coleman, although the latter gave a remarkably plucky display in the face of big odds all the time. Apart

CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES

Intending participants in the various Lawn Bowls Championships of the Colony are reminded that entries close on Monday, May 26.

from the skip, young Bob Lapsley was the only Dock player to shine and usually had the better of Y. A. Razack.

Fast Green

Police and Civil Service had a grand tussle on an extremely fast green that was drawing very well if one could get the weight. This was not always the case as will be appreciated from the fact that in Rakusen's game with Post, the former notched up a couple of fours, at the 5th and 6th ends, the counters being practically the only woods on the rink at the end—the others having been ditched.

Rakusen had a good fight and there was never much in it. The leads and twos on both sides were very well matched, while Harper, who was in fine form, had a slight edge on Carey, although it was only slight. Rakusen had a shade the better of the argument with Post, although again there was not much in it.

Shepherd played one of his finest games to beat McGowan. He had to be in good form as Mac was very consistent and was continually trickling in to save.

At the second end Shepherd had a great chance of bagging a seven. McLeod and Harris were through with both their woods and when the No. 3's got down to bowl McGowan was lying three. Dall then played a grand shot through a narrow port to trail the Jack and leave Police with five and he then drew a sixth. With his first wood Shepherd added to the count after McGowan, coming up with a bit of weight in an effort to save, had been narrow and finished in the ditch. With his last delivery, however, the Civil Service skip, knocked one of his own woods in for second shot which Shepherd couldn't get at.

Wally Mair was up against it all the time but never gave up the ghost against Charlie Strange with the result that he got his nose in front near the end and won by two.

For Mair, Soutar was fair until the 17th, when he plonked two on the Jack and never looked back again and the remaining members of both rinks were very well matched, both skips doing their stuff well on occasion.

"Abe" Reduces Margin

But for the fact that M. R. Abbas won his match against B. Basto by seven shots, I.R.C. would have been beaten by a much bigger margin than the majority of four which Recreio "B" scored over them at King's Park.

Accustomed as they are to a somewhat heavy green, the Indians found the Recreio green too fast for them and most of them were inclined to be on the heavy side.

Dallah, who went down to "Doc" Guterres by 10 shots, was completely off form and it was unfortunate that all his front men also could not find the right touch that afternoon.

Abbas, who had good support from the rest of his rink, had an 8-1 lead at the 6th but Basto managed to creep up on him and at the 14th, thanks to a four, led 13-10. The scores were tied again at the 17th, after which Abbas scored a singleton and three twos in a row to win 20-13.

There was very little to choose between J. J. Basto and A. K. Minu and the ultimate score, 18-17 in favour of the former, was a fair indication of the run of play.

Other Bowls
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SECOND DIVISION

K.C.C. DITCH FIVE & GOWLAND SCORES 7

By "Lead"

Gowland had a comic game against Meadows in the P.O.C.-K.C.C. match at Stanley in Second Division as although he scored at only eight ends, and at one stage was 5-18 down, he got to within one shot of his opponent's score.

Meadows was having matters very much his own way until the 13th, when Gowland scored one of the most curious sevens we are likely to have for a long time.

I am told that when the final count was taken, the Prison Officers had their seven alright—there was no argument about that—but the three did not have to indulge in any higher mathematics in arriving at this result as the only K.C.C. woods alive were one of Curtie's, which was very, very short, and couple of Meadows—the remainder were in the dykel.

The K.C.C. rink, did not deserve to win by more than one shot although they had most of the scoring. Bowden was right off form and Mulcahy, playing in his first game since his return from leave, found difficulty in keeping his woods on his own rink although he did play some brilliant shots.

Jillott, well supported by his No. 3, down on the card as A. N. Other, had little difficulty against Steven and won by 11 shots. Mr. A. N. Other—I know his name but will keep it dark—was in great form and Steven had little chance when he went down to bowl. Jillott had much less responsibility than the K.C.C. skip and was quietly efficient all through.

The man in the Bagley-Carr match was Harrop, erstwhile Police player, who was in uncanny form at lead for the Stanley skip.

He it was who laid the foundation and with Fitzgerald and Foster having rather the better of the argument with Fabel and Overy respectively, Bagley had little to do against Carr but consolidate, which he usually did pretty successfully.

Kew Decides Matters

With Kew always a long way ahead of J. A. Remedios, Kowloon Tong were generally chiefly concerned with the number of points they would be able to score against Recreio.

At the tea-interval Stephens was a couple or so up on Jocky Soares and Howard was five down to O. P. Remedios so whether or not Kew carried the side through to an aggregate win, Kowloon Tong had every chance of dropping a couple of points down the sink.

After tea Stephens went away with a rush and was soon in a virtually unassailable position but Howard was having a tough time of it. With two heads to go he was no fewer than five down, but he fought hard and a four at the last end gave him a very creditable tie.

There was an unusual incident after this last head of Howard's. Kowloon Tong were conceded three without argument and secured the fourth on a measure. Relieved at having tied, however, Castro, the home No. 3, grabbed the Jack—and thus did his rink out of a chance of winning as there was another Kowloon Tong wood that might have counted and was certainly worth a measure!

J. A. Remedios, with three comparative novices for his front men, had little chance against Kew, who touched his best form this season and could do nothing wrong.

Kew was well-supported by Tang but his other two men were just ordinary. Remedios put up a great fight off his own bat but although he saved frequently, he could not stem the other side's run of success.

Teddy Castro was Howard's greatest help and Howard himself rose to the occasion when necessary. The other rink were all steady with O. P. Remedios continually doing his stuff when the opposition were lying.

Stephens and his front men took some time to settle down against Soares but having got ahead there was no stopping them. The Kowloon Tong rink all played well on occasion with Stephens himself playing some brilliant shots. Beltrao did some useful work for Soares and invariably had one right on the Kitty, while Xavier and Soares

also did well, although they fell away somewhat in the later stages.

Lock's Big Win

A comfortable win by Tommy Lock was the deciding factor of the C.C.C.-H.K.F.C. match.

Broadbridge, selected for Lock's rink, had not made an appearance by 4 o'clock and "Sky" Kerrison was pressed into service at No. 2 and played quite a useful game, especially with his heavy ones. Gaddi had an even struggle with Howell, but Graver had the better of A. A. Razack, who could not find his touch. Gill did not always have the best of luck and most of Lock's efforts came off so it is not surprising that the Craigen-gower rink won.

Medina's rink, with J. H. Xavier back at lead, pulled together very well and had a close tussle with Macfarlane in a low-scoring match which was tied at 16—all. There was little to choose between the two sides.

Randall had a bit of luck against Pearce and with Ward playing some useful woods, won by three. Brooks-bank was the outstanding man for the Footballers and gave his skip splendid support.

Melrose Shines

Kowloon Footballers had a surprisingly easy win over Talkoo, despite the fact that the latter team were playing at home.

Fleld had everything his own way against Watson, whose rink could not get going. The K.F.C. skip received good support from young Lapsley, at lead, and Vic Chittenden, while Ogley, in his first match, played a very useful game.

With Melrose in marvellous form and getting all the support he wanted from his front men, Talkoo, in this encounter, completely outplayed the Footballers.

Simpson did not get much help from Downman or Ferguson, but Dand was steady.

Although Chalmers lost by 10 shots to Youngusband, the score is no indication of the closeness of the tussle. Not until the Footballers got their heads in front at the 15th with 17-10 did they ever feel reasonably safe. The Talkoo men all played well enough but the experience throughout Youngusband's rink carried the day.

THIRD DIVISION

RECREIO NOVICES DO WELL

By "Lead"

With at least six newcomers in the side, Recreio were not expected to beat Police in Third Division but the performances of the rookies augurs well for future games and though some were apparently affected by stage fright in their first League game, it was evident that they will quickly improve.

P. d'Almeida and E. Cunha were the best of the newcomers and the assistance they gave their skip undoubtedly helped Recreio to obtain the only point of the game. M. A. Carvalho, who formerly played as a No. 3 for (Questions on Page 14)

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

Water-Polo Competitions Will Start Next Month

Entries To Close Next Friday Big Athletic Meet On Sunday

By "Squaddy"

THE Large and Small Units water-polo competitions will commence at the beginning of next month and all entries for these competitions should reach the Secretary for water-polo, Lieut. Millar, Royal Scots, before next Friday.

The draws for water-polo will be conducted at the Queen's Road Swimming Baths, Victoria Barracks, on May 24 at 11 a.m. by representatives of all Units competing.

This year the points for these competitions will not count towards the aggregate swimming cup as has been the case in previous seasons.

The Water Polo League, which is being run by the European Y.M.C.A., will enable large and small units to get in good trim, and some exciting games are promised.

In its first try-out of the season, a team representing the Army were well beaten in the 200 yards swimming relay at the Y.M.C.A. gala held at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday. This I am sure was not the strongest team which can be produced from Army, although I know how hard it is to get the swimmers together for practice, but anyone who is keen on swimming and has been chosen for trials, should turn up at the baths for these trials.

ATHLETICS

AT Caroline Hill on Sunday a very interesting athletic meet should be witnessed between Army and the Chinese in the first contest of its kind to be held in the Colony.

If this meeting is a success, it will be held annually and a Cup presented by a well-known local business man put up for competition.

It is anticipated that a large number of University students will attend as they are supplying most of the competitors. The track events should be most

exciting as both teams are well up in these events, but the Army appears to have the advantage in field events.

Pte. Lever, who threw the javelin 173ft. 11 3/4 ins. last week, and Capt. Skipwith, Royal Artillery, who throws well over the 160 mark, should easily win this event.

Lever's best throw in the Colony was made last year, when he cleared 177ft 7 1/2 ins.

It is also interesting to note that Capt. Skipwith was winner of the javelin event at the Army Sports at "Home" a few years ago, although he did not break the record. Last year he threw over 190 ft but this was a no-throw, as he was about nine inches over the line.

I understand that L/Cpl Heather of Middlesex, a middle-distance runner, has been ordered to refrain from any further running by his Medical Officer. He will be a great loss to his battalion as he is reckoned to be one of the best half-milers in the Colony.

BOXING

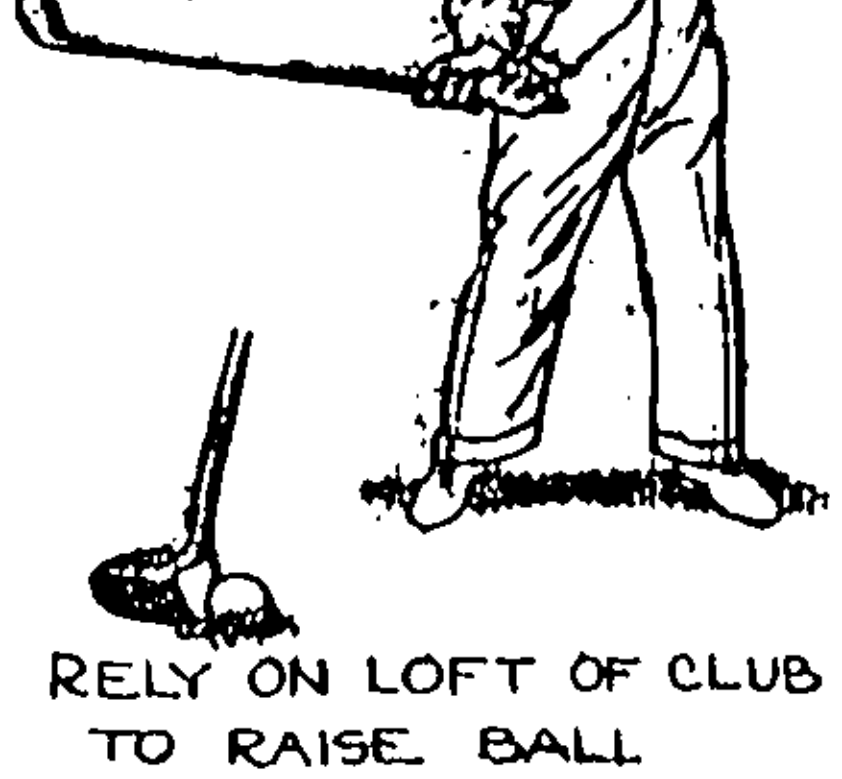
IT has been decided to erect a new boxing ring for the Garrison on the site of the old ring at Murray Barracks for the Area Boxing competitions next season. There have been suggestions that the old ring be sold to the Combined Small Units to be erected in their Barracks for training purposes.

REFEREES

THE following have been appointed for the Army F. A. Referees Sub-Committee, Hong

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HIT DOWN ON
WOOD SHOTS
THROUGH THE
FAIRWAY
BUT HIT
HARD



RELY ON LOFT OF CLUB
TO RAISE BALL

RAISING THE BALL

By BEST BALL

Hit down on the ball to bring it up. Sounds a bit haywire perhaps but it's just the tonic needed to raise the ball which is lying badly. This not only goes for the short yons but for the wood shots through the fairway. Both the brassie and spoon are lofted but when the ball is deep in the grass, the stroke must contact the ball while descending to make this loft really count.

By this method the club-head hits the ball then scrapes or takes the turf a third of an inch or so beyond. But when this is done the ball is already on its way. Don't be afraid of driving the ball right into the earth. There's little danger of that. But the thought might cause flinching and the stroke must be crisp and decisive. Don't by any means resort to scooping. Hit down and hit hard.

Next Article:—Smooth
Swinging.

FRENCH BOXER BARRED FROM TRIP TO U.S.

French Sports Dictator Jean Borotra recently forbade Marcel Cerdan, French welterweight champion, from sailing to New York, where he was booked for several matches.

Simultaneously, the International Boxing Union ordered the booking of elimination matches to pick a new welterweight champion, apparently taking Cerdan's crown without even waiting for him to be beaten. The reasons for these actions were not given. Cerdan has defeated all challengers, most of them by knockout. He is a Moroccan.—United Press.

Kong, for the 1941-42 Football season.

Chairman, Lieut. L. G. Crosby, M.M., Royal Artillery.
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Pte. E. J. Emmons, R.A.S.C.
Pte. E. J. Emmons, of R.A.S.C., has applied for grading as a first-class referee. Before he was called to the Colours at the beginning of the war he was a member of the Sheffield & Hallamshire Football Association, and was graded as a grade 11 referee.

THIRD DIVISIONS

(Continued from Page 13)

the Second Division team, did well and was only in arrears for a short period.

Alarcon on the whole had a sorry afternoon. He was up against a strong rink and with the exception of Mendonca, his No. 3, his front men did not give him much support, although Campos and Lopes sent down good woods at times.

Times out of number Alarcon found the shot against him and often there were many and he was continually forced to give his best to save. He did save a lot during the afternoon but the opposition were bowling consistently well.

It was only a four at the last head which gave Atken a five-shot win over Yvanovich. The game was even throughout and there was never very much difference in the score. Recreio led from the start and at the 11th were 8-0. Scoring was on the low side after that until the last end.

Here too much depended on the skip and No. 3, but both Pinnu and C. A. Marques did as well as could be expected.

Suffad's Useful Shot

To A. G. Suffad must go the credit for the I.R.C. victory over Football Club in Third Division, which was not decided until the last head of the match had been completed.

S. M. Rumjahn finished up with a 10-shot majority over Peter Morgan and Wahab went down to J. Russell by four.

Madar was four behind in his game with Needham at the 18th and a couple of singletons by the Football Club brought the aggregate scores level when the rinks started on the last head of the match. Madar and his men had been bowling quite well until the Football Club decided to adopt the short head policy. Then the Indians could do nothing right.

When Blackford sent the jack down to open the last head, however, he failed to pass the flag and that gave the Indians the chance they were looking for—a full head.

Nothing sensational happened until Syd Strange drew the shot with his first wood. It was in such a position that a win for the Football Club seemed certain. It was at this stage that Suffad sent down a perfect wood to trail the jack for the counter—the match-winning shot! Needham attempted to drive but failed and the Indians won by the narrowest possible margin!

S. M. Rumjahn had consistent support from his front men in the early stages and they led 28-10 at the 16th. Thereafter Morgan had a good spell and the final score was 28-18. A. R. Kitchell, as No. 1 for Rumjahn, was very consistent.

Russell and his men were always a shade better than Wahab's four. Experience, I think, was the secret of their four-shot win but it was nevertheless a good game and all credit must go to the I.R.C. skip for keeping the margin so low as Russell was bowling uncommonly well.

Ladd Fortunate

With Smalley and Ouden winning by big margins, Kowloon Frothallers were not given much to worry about in their match against Craigengower.

Ladd was fortunate to catch Ben Evans on an off day but, the K.F.C. skip apart, it was not so much the superior bowling of the Hong Kong players that enabled them to win 25-10 as the fact that they had any luck that was going.

Neither Coelho nor Pau received very much support from their front men and they were never in the picture against Ouden and Smalley, respectively.

Hong Kong Electric were beaten on all rinks by Cricket Club in their first game of the season.

The usual difficulty of keeping a side together is again confronting the Electricians, while few players can find time to get in practice.

Owens played very well as lead to A. F. Paul while Stonehouse a newcomer, did his share. The game was evenly contested though the H.K.C.C. skip generally had the edge. Paul struck a bad patch at the 9th and did not score for the next five heads, but he finished strongly when he scored eight shots on the last six heads to lose by only four shots.

After being close on the heels of Nesim Ali, the 20th de Rome, conceded a five and though he registered a three at the last end, lost by 6 shots.

Gahagan made his debut as a skip and did well to hold Abraham. Apart from a five at the 10th by the H.K.C.C., rinks scoring was even.

It is learned that George Duncan, the H.K.F.C. player, will not be returning to the Colony.

It was inadvertently reported over the week-end that Carlos Silva, of Recreio "A", scored a seven at the 7th end. Actually Silva's count at that end was six.



BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for to-morrow:—

C.S.C.C.

First Division (v. Recreio "B", Home)
E. Purvis, T. Seddon, W. Burling and C. Strange (Skip).
J. Gollately, E. Kirmun, V. Ebbage and M. Rakusen (Skip).
D. Crawley, J. Carr, J. Hempsey and J. McGowan (Skip).
Reserves:—A. Sheppard and W. Collidge.

H.K.F.C.

Second Division (v. H.K.C.C., Home) (Friendly)
A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. C. Field (Skip).
W. Naef, A. E. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip).
T. Fergusson, A. A. Dand, C. Dowman and W. Simpson (Skip).
Third Division (v. K.B.G.C., Away)
B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and D. D. Evans (Skip).
B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip).
G. E. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. Macintyre and R. Ogden (Skip).
Reserves:—W. C. Ogley, J. Gibson, L. Bones and L. A. Mullett.

G.C.C.

First Division (v. K.C.C., Home)
J. W. Leonard, N. P. Karanjia, A. E. Coates and D. W. Bradbury (Skip).
A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (Skip).
Y. A. Razack, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rossette (Skip).
Second Division (v. Talkoo R.C., Away)
A. A. Razack, A. Kitchell, E. Zimmern and T. L. Lock (Skip).
J. H. Xavier, L. E. Lammert, L. C. R. Souza and M. J. Medina (Skip).
S. R. Solina, H. G. Fornan, W. Ward and H. W. Randall (Skip).
Third Division (v. Indian R.C., Home)
W. E. Brouthridge, A. E. S. Alves, Dr. C. W. Lam and G. S. Ladd (Skip).
L. M. Roza, M. A. Baptista, F. K. Modi and A. J. Coelho (Skip).
F. Lee, E. S. Franks, D. A. Rozario and L. Gaddi (Skip).
One Rink Friendly (v. K.C.C., Away)
R. K. Pavri, L. J. Sulwink, W. J. Curd and V. A. Itenson (Skip).

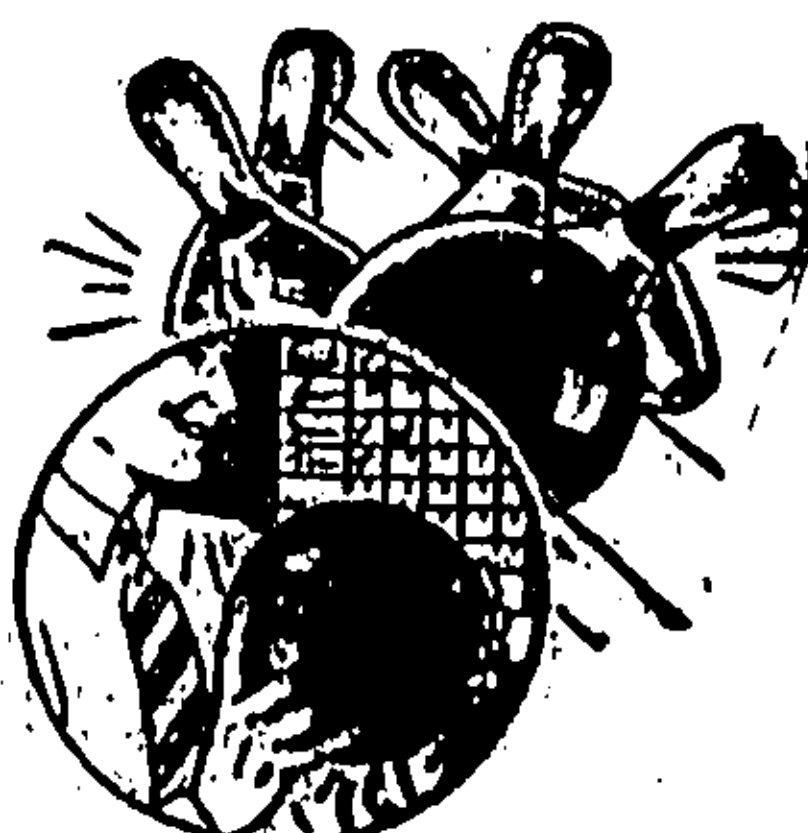
An enjoyable and somewhat novel game was played at Kowloon Tong on Sunday, when "Hope" Kew's Kowloon Tong rink beat Joe Fraser's rink by 34-8. Positions were changed after every five ends, result being that all the players in both rinks played in every position. Kew's rink was A. Madar, Teddy Castro, J. L. Stephens and Kew; Fraser's was Steven, Sherriff, T. W. Carr and Fraser.

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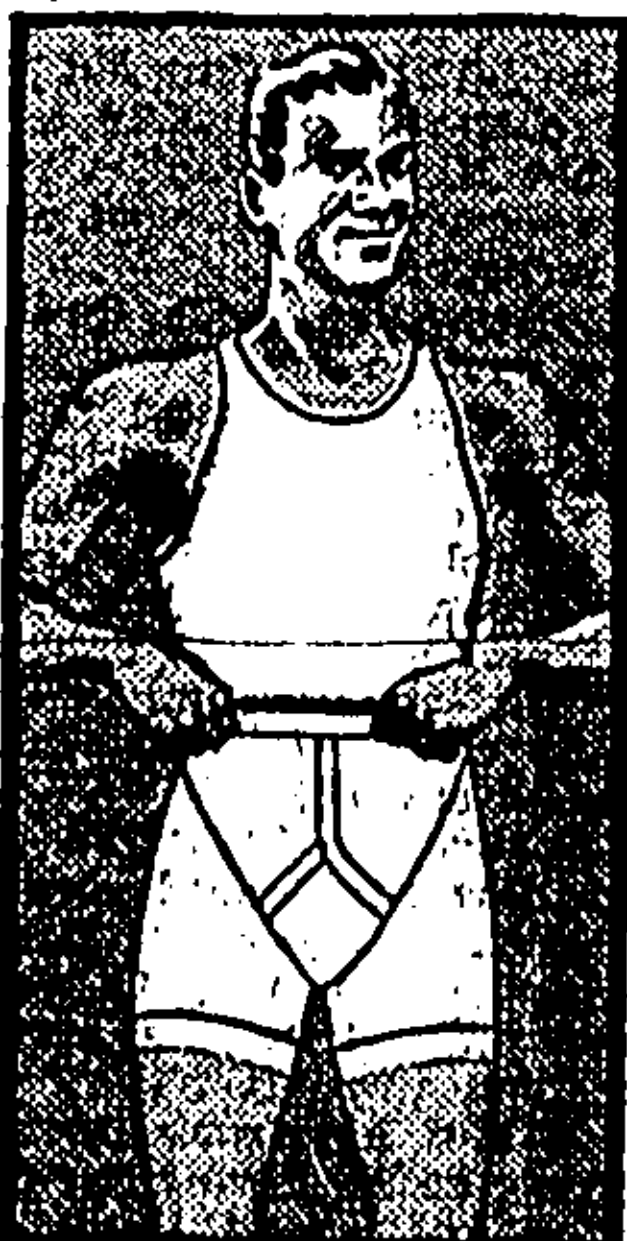
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BRYN JONES AGAIN IN THE NEWS

In the days when we thought such things important, one of four footballing brothers, name of Jones, was transferred from Wolverhampton Wanderers to the then Bank of England team (Arsenal) for a trifle of £14,000, writes a home correspondent.

Call it Allison's folly, or a master stroke of Soccer economics, as you fancy, but the immediate result was the rocketing of a sensitive player on to the front page of every British and most American newspapers.

Bryn blinked uneasily in the spotlight and never once played a £14,000 game for his Arsenal masters.

Back To The Valleys

The blaze of publicity in which some players, say Alex James, would have thrived shadowed the career of the highly-strung Welshman.

Came the war, and Bryn, folding his tent, slipped silently into the welcome obscurity of the old home town Merthyr.

The £14,000 star went through a period at Cardiff, but it was on the lovely turf of his old club, Aberaman, where he learned his art, that Bryn recaptured it and now weekly entertains his boyhood pals for something less than he earned in both money at Highbury.

Bryn Jones is himself again, and the big-time Soccer men will be keen in vain for such material for the psychologist.

But £14,000 footballers, even with a war on, cannot for ever escape the headlines. Bryn is news, again.

Hobson's Choice For Arsenal

Arsenal, troubled over possible war investment, asked that Aber-

FRED PERRY TO MARRY AGAIN

Although nothing has been announced officially, close friends of Fred Perry, England's famous tennis player who is now a professional at the Mexico City Country Club, are saying that he will marry Sandra Dreux, a model from Dallas, Texas, as soon as his divorce from the actress, Helen Vernon, becomes absolute.

Perry met Miss Dreux when she came to the Country Club to model a dress show given by the Dallas firm of Nieman Marcus.

Miss Dreux is now wearing an engagement ring and shows no sign of returning to Dallas.

Friends say that their wedding is expected to be held as soon as possible.

man should insure Bryn for matches in the new Western League.

As only three of the clubs in the new group come under Football League control, I'm afraid Arsenal are in the painful position of either insuring a player who won't play for them or risking serious deflation of his post-war transfer value by injury.

The player, too, is hit, for he gets no compensation if his football career is broken or ended by injury incurred while on duty with a club outside the scope of the League's insurance scheme.

Altogether one of those unenviable problems which follow in the grim wake of war.

Played For R.A.F.

Meanwhile, Bryn Jones has had the unusual experience of playing as a civilian in one of two R.A.F. friendly games in his home area.

Which possibly explains how the story got started that Bryn was being moved to a North-country R.A.F. station and led to hopeful inquiries by Manchester City.

During my Welsh itinerary I heard colourful stories of a wonder wing half-back Bryn is schooling at Aberaman, but as you can't keep the scouts from scouting in the valleys, an unsuspected case of art for art's sake. I guess this isn't exactly news.

WHILE NOBODY in Great Britain will agree with W. T. Tilden that amateur and International tennis will not recover after the war, there are many who believe that it will take longer to get back to normal if junior talent is not encouraged says a Home correspondent.

Compared with other sports very little has been done in this respect and, not unnaturally, the enthusiasts are asking why not? It is pointed out that the ruling body should do more than issue a statement requesting clubs to encourage junior talent. What is wanted is for the Lawn Tennis Association to spend some of their many thousands of pounds, which amateur tennis has helped to put into their coffers, and to do something more concrete than placing the responsibility with clubs.

Quite a number of clubs do not possess the finances to promote tournaments, although they would be quite willing to make very satisfactory arrangements if they had the wherewithal.

Club Is Doomed

There is the case of one club which is in serious danger of having to close down. A few pounds would allow them to carry on and, perhaps, play a part in keeping a standard of tennis that will help in the post-war comeback. But, although during their existence they have paid a good few pounds to the Lawn Tennis Association, neither that body nor the country association can make any advance to save this club from closing down.

Of course the L.T.A. have an answer and, to them, a satisfactory one. They cannot very well assist one club without dozens of others, probably expecting the same treatment. If this were given the cash in hand would vanish very quickly. There must be a way, however, of considering every case in detail and treating them according to their merits. At the moment the Association has quite a large sum out in loans to clubs, who have been granted a moratorium until after the war.

Meanwhile the L.T.A. have vacated their old time offices, the lease of which has expired, but work goes on at a private residence and an executive committee, to deal with any war-time questions, meets once a month. Their first question at a next meeting should be connected with a nationwide move to give junior players a chance this Summer.

A war-time "Wimbledon" cannot be expected, but there could be some sort of junior championship, with district qualifying tournaments throughout the country.

Coaching, and there must be many admirable teachers longing for an opportunity to lead the young footsteps along the right track is another point which might be considered. Clubs cannot afford to engage coaches; the L.T.A. could spend a few pounds in a far more wasteful manner. Opportunities for youngsters are given in several other sports, why not in lawn tennis?



ARMSTRONG'S NEW VOCATION

These old champs get around. Jack Dempsey has got a job as sports editor and Henry Armstrong joins a dance band, writes a correspondent from London.

And Homicide Hank, who married a preacher's daughter, told me on the Queen Mary his life ambition was to finish up in Medicine or the Church. He tried to make his dimes as pin boy in a skittle alley pay his medical student's fees, but it didn't add up right, so he walked the sleepers with a railroad gang, instead of walking the wards.

MANNING ON DOGS

There are round about three million dogs in this country. About 6,000 of them are track greyhounds. Average one in every 500, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

Those who will slug dog racing anyway should keep this proportion in mind when, as they mean to shortly, they raise their shout about tons of good food being squandered in the kennels.

The day when the dog champion's diet was fillet steak, chicken pie, and fresh eggs has long passed.

A fair estimate of the food bill is five shillings a week—and this on foodstuffs not fit for human consumption.

And why pick on the greyhounds when there are 2,994,000 other dogs being fed?

Most dog doctors will tell you the best of their incomes comes not from the healthy greyhound, but from ministering to overfed pets, Pekes, and suchlike who fulfil no specially useful purpose in life.

As dog racing is ministerially approved as a diversion for soldiers and civilians, the racing greyhound might call him or herself a national entertainer.

TENNIS HANDBOOK READY

The League Tennis handbooks are now out of the hands of the printers and are in the course of being forwarded to the tennis conveners of the various clubs.

The League will start on Monday, with the first batch of First Division fixtures. Second Division, Third Division and Fourth Division matches will be played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, respectively, as hitherto.

There is one error in the handbook which concerns next week's fixtures. In Third Division the entry S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C. (2) should read C.C.C. v. C.R.C. (2).

Following are the fixtures for next week:—

MONDAY	
First Division	
C.R.C.	v. H.K.U.T.C.
C.D.R.	v. S.C.A.A.
H.K.C.C.	v. K.C.C.
TUESDAY	
Second Division	
C.R.C.	v. A.T.C.
K.C.C.	v. C.S.C.C.
S.C.A.A.	v. K.T.G.C.A.
WEDNESDAY	
Third Division	
C.D.R.	v. A.T.C.
C.R.C. (1)	v. K.T.G.C.A.
H.K.U.T.C.	v. K.C.C.
C.C.C.	v. C.R.C. (2)
S.C.A.A.	v. K.I.T.C.
THURSDAY	
Fourth Division	
A.T.C.	v. P.O.R.C. (1)
C.B.A.	v. J.R.C.
I.R.C.	v. Filipino Club
K.I.T.C.	v. S.C.A.A.
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HESS FLIGHT MAY SPEED NEW BLITZKRIEG

Hitler's Menacing Mass On Soviet Frontiers Spain And Turkey In Peril With Vichy Holding Key

Slight Activity In Air

There was some activity by enemy aircraft in coastal areas yesterday, says an Air Ministry communique.

Bombs were dropped at several points but little damage and no casualties are reported.

One enemy bomber was shot down by our fighters over Britain, while it is now known that an enemy aircraft was destroyed off the South Coast on Wednesday night.

London on Wednesday night was quiet without an alert, and up to early on Thursday no reports of raids in any other part of the country had come in.

Presumably bad weather conditions on the Continent restricted German air activity to small excursions around the British shores.

A few planes are believed to have crossed the coast at one or two points but no bombs were

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE FLIGHT OF Rudolf Hess to Britain is undoubtedly an event of first-rate importance and will have definitely favourable reactions on Britain's war effort, but whatever may be the real cause of his flight, it will not have an effect on events which are immediately pending.

Hitler's plans for the coming campaign will not be altered or delayed; on the contrary, the flight of Hess is quite likely to hasten its execution, for Hitler may well feel the necessity for giving Germany something else to think about and to achieve a fresh triumph to hearten them.

Within a month, as I see the situation, Hitler will invade Spain, with or without France's consent.

Two Shot Down

It is learned in London that two enemy aircraft were shot down by British fighters yesterday.

It is now known that one enemy aircraft was destroyed off the coast on Wednesday night. Reuter.

besiege Gibraltar and attempt to seize the Atlantic ports of Spain and Portugal.

There will be a threat, with perhaps 80 divisions which are standing ready, on Russia.

If Hitler can possibly do it his forces in Libya will be reinforced and the attack on Egypt pressed while attacks on Turkey and Syria are also under way.

Grave Decision

It will be seen how much these plans centre round Vichy and France to an even greater extent than they do round Russia.

This fact will force grave decisions on the British War Council and equally on General de Gaulle.

Mr. Churchill displayed some resentment in a debate recently when charges of fighting a kid glove war were made. Now he must give proof that Britain is not going to fight such a war.

Meanwhile British strategy should be directed to meeting Nazi threats, not on the continent of Europe, as has been the case up to date, where the Germans can bring overwhelming forces, but in Africa and in Asia, where the British Empire can redress the balance of numbers and even swing it to the Allied side.—Reuter.

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With these words the Maharajah of Patiala yesterday bid farewell to officers and men of a motor transport company raised in the State on the eve of their departure for service with the British forces.

The Maharajah added that to a brave people a call to duty such as the present one should prove a source of inspiration and jubilation and he hoped his soldiers would at least live up to it, not improve upon, the high standard of loyalty and sacrifice set up by their ancestors.

He assured the men that his Government would take every possible care of their families in their absence.—Reuter.

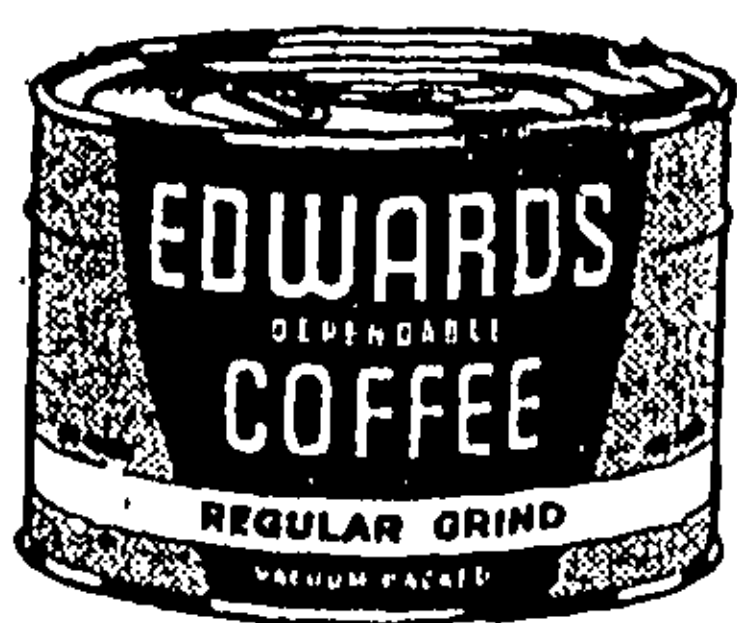
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NAZI 'PLANES LAND IN SYRIA

PETAINE ASKS FOR BLIND FAITH

Marshal Petain, in a broadcast speech yesterday, referred to Admiral Darlan's recent talk with Hitler in Germany.

He said: "I have approved the principles of this meeting" and added, "This new meeting will enable us to see clearly the road into the future and to continue the talks begun with the German Government."

"OPINION THAT IS APPREHENSIVE BECAUSE IT IS MISINFORMED NO LONGER MEASURES OUR CHANCES AND RISKS AND JUDGES OUR ACTIONS TO-DAY."

"The question for you Frenchmen now is to follow me without reservation along the path of honour and national interest."

"If we successfully complete the negotiations now in progress, while maintaining the strictest discipline of our public spirit, France will overcome her defeat and will be able to maintain in the world her position as a European and colonial power."—Reuter.

"Honour Forbids"

In view of Mr. Eden's revelation regarding the position in Syria it is recalled that on April 7 Marshal Petain, broadcasting an appeal for national unity, said: "Honour forbids us to take any action against our former allies."

"But the integrity of the country demands that sources of our vital supplies should be preserved. It is against these needs that dissident propagandists are daily in revolt."

"The blood of Frenchmen has already flowed in fratricidal fighting. That is enough."—British Wireless.

BRITISH HOLD THE INITIATIVE

British troops retain the offensive in the Tobruk and Sollum areas, it was stated in authoritative Cairo circles last evening.

In Abyssinia, the Amba Alagi ring is closing in, and the military spokesman said the Italians are steadily losing a daily toll of positions and prisoners.

The Italians have been putting up a gallant show during the

General Wavell Given Authority To Act

ALL FRENCH SHIPS IN U.S. BOARDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The United States Coastguard yesterday boarded all French ships in U.S. harbours.

First ship boarded was the freighter "Alencon," in Oakland, Cal., on board which a 24-hour watch has been ordered to prevent sabotage. — International News Service.

Staging Posts On Way To Iraq

AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BRITAIN WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST GERMAN AIRCRAFT IN SYRIA WAS MADE BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, AT QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Eden declared detailed information at Government's disposal showed the French authorities in Syria are allowing German aircraft to use Syrian aerodromes as staging posts for flight to Iraq.

The British Government consequently had given full authority for action to be taken against these German aircraft on Syrian aerodromes. (Loud cheers).

Mr. Eden continued: "The French Government cannot escape responsibility for this situation. Their action under German orders in permitting these flights is a clear breach of the armistice terms and inconsistent with the undertakings given by the French Government."

In reply to Mr. Ernest Shinnell (Labour), who asked whether we could no longer place any reliance in the Vichy Government, Mr. Eden said:

"As regards these particular circumstances I have made it plain that appropriate action is being taken."

Force In Suggestion

Mr. Cocks (Labour), interposed: "Is it not a fact that since the Vichy Government has left the League of Nations the mandate for Syria no longer exists?"

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AXIS MISSIONS ARRIVE IN IRAQ THROUGH SYRIA

A number of German 'planes with disguised markings have landed at three Syrian aerodromes, apparently en route to Iraq, it was reliably learned in Cairo yesterday.

The presence at Beyrouth of a high German personage, who is engaged in conversations with the Italian armistice commission and the French authorities, is reported by a traveller who has arrived in Cairo from Syria.

Another report received in Cairo says that a certain number of German aircraft have already arrived in Iraq, bringing propagandists, agitators and other similar Axis specialists.

Their arrival is said to have followed an urgent appeal by Raschid Ali.

Private sources in Cairo report that a certain number of Nazi aircraft recently landed at Rajak aerodrome, in Syria.

Other information received in Cairo is that two Axis military missions are now in Baghdad, where they arrived a few days ago in planes which flew over Syrian territory.

THE ITALIAN MISSION CONSISTS OF TWO ITALIAN AIR GENERALS AND STAFF. THE GERMAN MISSION NUMBERS 15, WHO ARRIVED IN TWO AEROPLANES.—REUTER.

last nine or 10 days but appear to be in a most awkward position.

Rain is beginning to fall but the permanent rains have not yet begun.

Further successes in the lakes area south of Addis Ababa are reported in yesterday's Nairobi communiqué.

An Italian position was attacked yesterday and 500 prisoners taken. In addition two batteries of artillery, five light tanks and an anti-tank gun were captured. —Reuter.

SECRET SESSION PLANNED

The Commons will shortly hold a secret session to discuss the Ministry of Supply.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, back bench Labourite, in the Commons yesterday afternoon asserted there was much public anxiety on the matter of supply and asked whether this would be allayed by a private session.

Mr. Churchill declared Government would have welcomed a public session.

He did not agree there was so much anxiety and he hoped to show that great progress was being made, but anything more foolish than to give facts and figures in details in public, which would go to Lisbon and then to Germany, he could not imagine.

"WE REALLY MUST LEAVE SOME WORK FOR THE GERMAN INTELLIGENCE." (LAUGHTER).—REUTER.

TROJAN HORSE FEARS

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, speaking in London yesterday, said: "From my point of view Hess is a murderer."

"You can understand my feeling about Hess when I tell you he was the man who collected every index card of every trade union leader in Germany and the Social Democrats, and when the time came they were either sent to concentration camps or murdered."

"I DO NOT BELIEVE HITLER DID NOT KNOW HESS WAS COMING TO ENGLAND."

"For a good many years I have had to deal with these totalitarian gentlemen and Communists, and I have seen this kind of stunt over and over again."

"I am not going to be deceived by any of them. Hess is no man I would ever negotiate with."—Reuter.

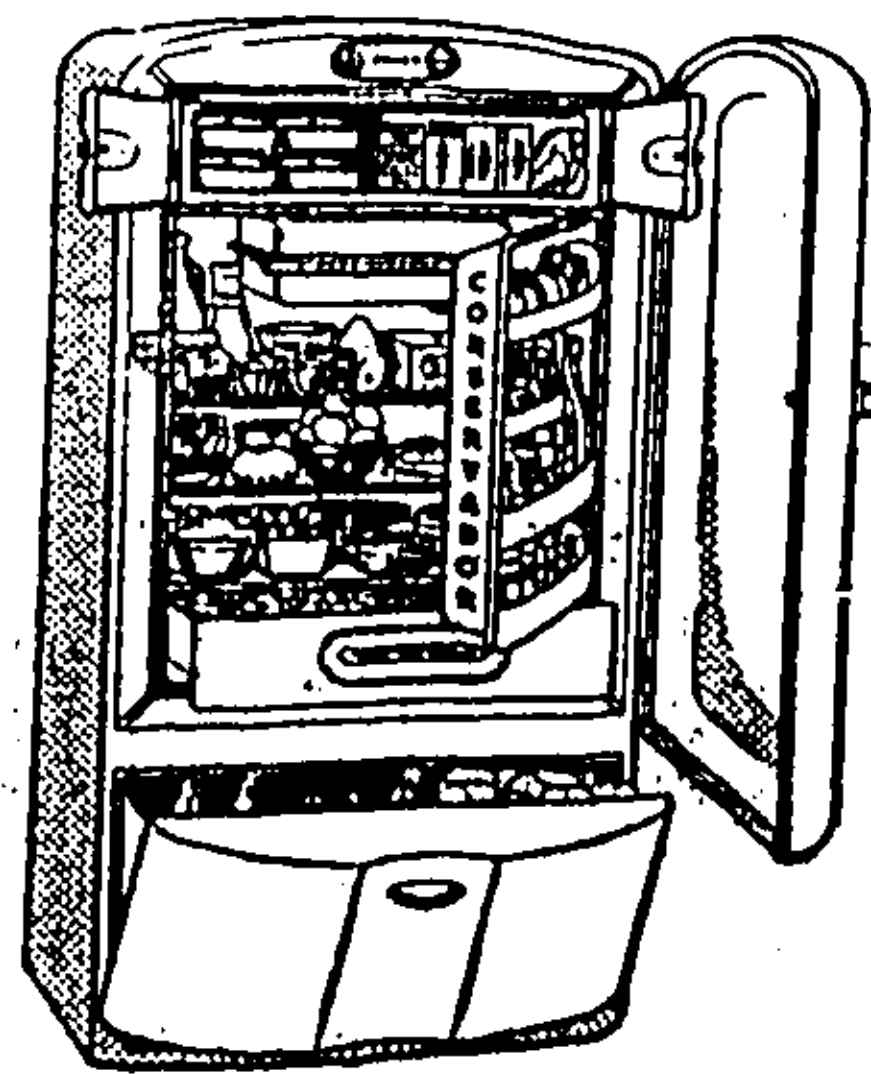
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STRAIN ON RELATIONS WITH VICHY

Effect Of Syrian Development Hard To Foresee

Free Hand Given To Gen. Wavell

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

WITH ACCEPTANCE BY THE VICHY GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN TERMS FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING, THE SPOTLIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS HAS SUDDENLY SWITCHED ON TO SYRIA.

Mr. Eden revealed in the Commons yesterday that German planes had already arrived at Syrian aerodromes and that General Wavell had been given a free hand to deal with the situation thus resulting.

It is a very grave development in a situation already very complicated, and its effect on British relations with Vichy cannot easily be forecast.

From the purely legal standpoint, French rights in Syria, which they hold under mandate from the League of Nations, lapsed the moment the French notified their withdrawal from the League.

Under the Covenant no nation not a member of the League can hold a mandate except in very special circumstances which have not arisen. Consequently any action taken by Britain would theoretically not be directed against the mandate power.

The legal aspect, however, is less material than the military issues involved.

French Garrison

There is still a French garrison, variously estimated at between 30,000 and 60,000 men. A large number of these are colonial soldiers, the majority of the French troops having returned to France on the collapse of the French Government last June.

The troops who remained are not France's best men and they have been having trouble with the local population.

There have been strikes and riots in Damascus, Beyrouth and Hama, and the authorities have had to temporise in order not to precipitate trouble.

Iraq Crisis

The situation has been somewhat worsened by the crisis in Iraq, whose Quisling Government have some sympathisers in Beyrouth and Damascus, but, taken as a whole, the population is not ill-disposed towards Britain.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NOT MANY PREPARED AERODROMES IN SYRIA, THE PLATEAU ON WHICH DAMASCUS IS SITUATED WOULD AFFORD NUMEROUS LANDING GROUNDS AND IS ALSO ADMIRABLE TERRAIN FOR MECHANISED WARFARE. — REUTER.

NEWS OF "LOST" DUNKIRK MEN

NEWS IS BEGINNING TO COME THROUGH ABOUT MEN WHO WERE POSTED AS "MISSING" AFTER DUNKIRK.

A "third party" system was put into operation by the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, and the results coming to hand show an encouraging percentage of successes.

Twice weekly an air mail letter is sent by the organisation to Geneva with a list of soldiers still posted as missing.

Then delegates of the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva are visiting camps all over Germany, Austria and Poland to question prisoners about their missing comrades.

Last week a cable gave the names of twelve merchant seamen of whom nothing had been heard since June, and recently names of a number of Indian prisoners were received.

RUTBAH BATTLE DRAMA

Beside his wrecked aircraft stood a solitary figure. Intensive fire from the fort at Rutbah, as well as from an insurgent nest in the sand dunes, swept across the desert.

This was the scene that confronted a young flying officer who was making a lone bombing attack on a desert fort held for days by Iraq rebels, says a report from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East yesterday to the Air Ministry news service.

The flying officer at once landed his aircraft as close to the wreck as possible. Then he recognised the figure standing near it as his commanding officer.

Crossfire from the rebels was intensive and the rescue aircraft was hit several times.

An R.A.F. armoured car, commanded by another squadron leader, then drove up, positioned itself between the aircraft and the fort and returned the insurgents' fire.

The squadron leader was the only survivor of the wrecked aircraft and he was seriously wounded. — Reuter.

LAW TO CLEAR UP AIR RAID TRAGEDIES

Coroners have been given a new power which will save expense and make it unnecessary to go to the High Court for leave to presume the death of persons killed in air raids whose bodies cannot be found or who cannot be definitely identified.

A notice of the coroner's intention to hold an inquiry will be posted in a public place. The notice will give the name of the person believed to be dead, state where and when death is believed to have occurred, and invite people who have information to send it to the coroner, or to attend the inquiry.

The coroner will have the same powers in these inquiries as he has at inquests, but inquiries must be held without a jury and, unless the Home Secretary otherwise directs, in private.

"War Operations"

If the coroner considers that the person has been killed in war operations he will issue a certificate. This will go to the Registrar, who will then issue his certificate in the normal way.

GERMAN SHIPS LEFT ABLAZE

British bombers yesterday afternoon attacked an escorted convoy off the Frisian Isles, bombing three supply ships of 2,000, 4,000 and 5,000 tons, respectively. These were left burning.

Shortly afterwards enemy fighters attacked the bombers. One of these fighters was shot down and one British aircraft is missing, says an Air Ministry communique.

Aircraft of the Fighter Command, continues the British communique, yesterday carried out several sweeps over the Channel and Northern France, in the course of which several enemy aircraft were machine-gunned on the ground and one was shot down.

Ships were also machine-gunned from a low level.

On the operations one British plane was lost. — Reuter.

TURKISH PRESIDENT RECEIVES IRAQ DELEGATE

PRESIDENT INEUNU of Turkey yesterday gave an interview to the Iraq Minister of War and the Iraq Minister at Ankara, states Ankara radio.

Earlier in the afternoon the President had received the Greek Minister and the German Ambassador at the Presidential Palace.

It is generally believed that von Papen, when he saw the President, in addition to delivering Hitler's "friendly message," particularly stressed German friendliness towards Turkey—the line which, it is understood, he took up at the Foreign Office on Wednesday.

It is stated that von Papen placed no demands and asked nothing of Turkey but stressed the friendly relations between the two countries, since they were allies in the last war, and undoubtedly told the Turks Germany was willing to trade on a larger scale.

Honeyed Words

In accordance with normal diplomatic procedure it is expected that President Ineunu will instruct the Turkish Ambassador to thank Hitler for his message but even von Papen must realise that the Turks cannot be lulled into a sense of false security with honeyed words.

The Turks are continuing to take all necessary measures to safeguard their independence, including the wedding out of any likely Fifth Columnists. — Reuter.

NO CIGARETTES FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

Information having been received that the German Government has discontinued the free issue of cigarettes to British prisoners of war, the British War Office consequently has taken parallel action where German prisoners of war are concerned, it was authoritatively stated in London yesterday. — Reuter.

The War Office step does not mean, however, that parcels of tobacco and cigarettes despatched from Britain are not reaching prisoners in Germany. There is much evidence that parcels are getting through quite regularly. Prisoners are also able to purchase cigarettes in camp canteens but obviously the quality is by no means the same. — British Wireless.

47 RAIDS ON BREST

The docks at Brest have been attacked on 47 occasions, on 24 of which the German battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau were among the objectives, the Air Under-Secretary stated in the Commons yesterday, says a British Wireless message.

HESS IS GOOD NEWS

"Hess is good news for England. He is a sign that the enemy is more vulnerable than appears on the battlefield," declares the "New York Times."

"It is a sign that the formidable monster that terrorises Europe is still abnormal and preposterous and is marked for self-destruction."

"Whatever he is, moreover, the escape of Hess worries Hitler and must spread and deepen the doubts that eat into the secret Germany."

WILLIAM SHIRER, COLUMBIA BROADCASTER, DECLARED: "HESS FLED BECAUSE OF A VERY FUNDAMENTAL SPLIT BETWEEN THE NAZI LEADERS."

"Hess has always struck me as the most normal man in the whole Nazi party. If he wasn't, why would he be allowed to make a public speech as late as May 12?" — Reuter.

WHAT B.B.C. DINS INTO GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rudolf Hess fled because he was convinced the war's "Battle of the Marne" was lost by the Germans, according to a B.B.C. special broadcast directed to Germany.

The following were typical of B.B.C. broadcasts to Germany during yesterday:—

"It is expected that Mr. Churchill will make an extensive statement about the arrival of Hess in Scotland. This statement will be based on the report of Mr. Kirkpatrick, who is still with Hess."

"It can hardly be assumed that Mr. Churchill in his statement will reveal more than a part of what Hitler's closest confidant, who is well informed about all the plans of the German Government, has been saying."

"Hess has asked for pen and paper and is very busy making notes." — International News Service.

GOOD SOLDIERS ALL

Royce Brier, columnist in the "San Francisco Chronicle," says: "Proving they can take it, the British people are displaying traits common to all good soldiers."

"Students of soldiers' behaviour have always been struck by the fact that trained troops will endure well under greatly superior attack as long as their ammunition is adequate and their leaders spare them from untenable situations."

"The Luftwaffe is still superior quantitatively to the R.A.F. but it is inferior qualitatively."

"The R.A.F. gives evidence of being able to take care of itself provided it can get replacements on the prodigious scale required for effective aeronautical warfare." — Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICA ON HESS

The South African newspapers generally agree that Hess's flight shows the existence of a crack in the Nazi facade.

The "Cape Times" asks why Hitler has not published the documents Hess is said to have left behind.

The "Rand Daily Mail" states the fact that Hess chose to be a prisoner of war in Britain, rather than go to America via Portugal, shows the flight was a protest as well as an escape.

The pro-war Afrikaans newspaper "Suidersig" says the flight is the beginning of an exodus of Nazi leaders who fear the wrath of the misguided German people at the hour of reckoning approaches. — Reuter.

EDEN VISIT TO HESS HOSPITAL SANCTUARY

Hush-Hush Attitude Still Adopted

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, HAS MET AND TALKED WITH RUDOLF HESS, IT WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY AT THE SECRET HOSPITAL SANCTUARY WHERE HESS IS BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO. THE REPORT IS UNCONFIRMED BUT HOSPITAL ATTACHES WOULD NOT DENY IT.

While the whole world continued to wonder about Hess's fantastic flight and the motives behind it, Hess is confined to bed and is brooding over his own ultimate fate.

According to doctors his ankle injury is painful but not serious. Hess is able to walk but so far has not responded to the cajoling of his medical staff, who are trying to get him to exercise.

One authority said that Hess is "finicky with his food and dislikes red meat and alcohol."

The prisoner listens to BBC newscasts, largely concerned with himself, and according to hospital attaches, who trouble every time they speak, he reads English newspapers and Agatha Christie thrillers.

Scotland Yard detectives and members of the Yard's Political Branch are quartered near the hospital, where members of the staff formerly mingled with newspapermen with the utmost freedom.

A clammy silence now reigns there, broken only by furtive whisperings.

It is understood that this "conspiracy of silence" was ordered directly from 10, Downing Street, so whatever secrets Hess may have divulged still are secrets known only to Mr. Churchill, Mr. Eden and Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Meanwhile, German propaganda is still trying to convince the world that Hess flew to Britain on a peace mission.

"Truthful Joe"

Yesterday Goebbels' department put out a warning that powerful new Axis military smashes within the next few weeks would clearly prove Hess flew to Britain to start a peace drive as "the only way to avoid the destruction of the British Empire."

The Germans still allege that documents Hess left behind showed he planned to talk with the Duke of Hamilton, inspire action by "the anti-Churchill clique" and then fly back to the Reich within two days.

Hess felt himself a "Messiah," says Berlin, "and had an absurd idea he could fly back to Germany when he had fulfilled his mission of rapprochement."

In A Few Weeks

Nazi propaganda trumpets: "The British jubilation will be short lived when they discover Hess's true intentions. We believe that in a few weeks England will have things to occupy herself other than Hess."

It was semi-officially claimed in Berlin that Hess will not be able to give the British any concrete military information.

"Hess was not informed about Reich military plans which are available only to a very small circle. But he did know enough to come to the conclusion that the war would end in the destruction of England." — International News Service.

SENATE ISOLATIONISTS DEFEATED

The U.S. Senate yesterday defeated an isolationist effort to veto the transfer of shipping from one belligerent to another, despite arguments that such transfers would be "needless provocative acts of war."

It will be recalled that the House defeated a similar amendment on May 7. — Reuter.

Britain's War Losses

Authentic figures of British casualties on the Western Front and in Norway, were given by a Government spokesman in the Commons yesterday.

Total troops sent to France up to June, 1940, were 437,000. Of these 384,000 were brought away and 40,000 were left as prisoners of war.

Corresponding figures for Norway were 23,800 troops sent, 22,600 brought away and 95 left as prisoners. — Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE CHEERFUL

The London Stock Exchange continued cheerful yesterday. Industrials were firm, especially breweries, on fair investment buying. Gilt-edged early declined slightly but closed steady while oils tended to be easier and Kaffirs were maintained apart from early Cape offering of non-producers. Coppers and tin were firmly held. Foreign issues were firm, with Egyptian 4 per cents £1 higher at 75 and Czech 8 per cents three up at 37. Wall Street was hesitant. — Reuter.

PUTTING IDEAS INTO HEADS OF THE GERMANS

THE B.B.C. HAVE BEEN broadcasting at frequent intervals to Germany about Rudolf Hess, in connection with whom the Prime Minister stated in the Commons: "I shall take the first opportunity of giving authentic news regarding Hess and the Duke of Hamilton but in selection of the opportunity I shall be guided by the public interest."

In one broadcast yesterday the speaker said: "I want to discuss what Dr. Goebbels would like you to think about the Hess incident."

"Five days after Hess left Augsburg, Goebbels released his version. His experts have taken their time in dealing with the letters Hess left behind."

"I wonder if you find it as difficult as I do to believe he flew to England out of mad sympathy for the British people."

"We agree with German propagandists that Hess wants peace for the German people. We agree he possesses secret information but is it not possible his concern is for the German and not for the English people?"

Is It Not Possible?

"Is it not possible that his secret information is about such matters as Balkan casualties, the state of Kiel and Hamburg and the fate of Prien, Kretschner and Schepke (lost U-boat aces) and their unnamed colleagues?"

"May not he know more about America than some of his colleagues who have never been abroad?"

"I leave it to you to decide whether it was a very sane concern for the German people or a very mad sympathy for England that drove him to take this step."

"Perhaps, after all, we have found out why Goebbels is so anxious to prove his comrade mad."

"Hess must know a lot about the Doctor and his other colleagues. It was his job to do so."

"And now he is sitting talking freely and writing. It will be very dangerous for Goebbels and his colleagues if Hess is sane after all." — British Wireless.

DUKE OF HAMILTON AUTHORISED TO SEE HESS

THE DUKE OF HAMILTON saw Rudolf Hess within 48 hours of his parachute descent in Scotland, it was revealed in London yesterday.

The Duke was on duty at an R.A.F. aerodrome when, on official instructions, he flew to Glasgow and met Hess in the presence of representatives of both the Intelligence Service and the Foreign Office.

Thereafter the Duke returned to his duties.

Hess is stated to be in an isolated room with an officer in attendance and guards nearby. His condition is said to be improving rapidly.

Meanwhile, Hess's plane is to be on show in Trafalgar Square as part of London's War Weapons Week during which it is hoped to raise at least half of the total subscribed by all provincial towns. TO-NIGHT, THE PLANE WILL BE HOUSED IN ONE OF LONDON'S MOST HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND TO-MORROW MORNING IT WILL HEAD A PROCESSION OF NATIONAL SAVINGS CARTS AND MOBILE

CINEMA VANS ON "CONSTITUTION HILL."

Later it will be taken to Trafalgar Square where members of the public will be able to view the plane. — Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL'S NEW SECRETARY

Mr. J. H. Martin has been appointed Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister in succession to Mr. Eric Seal, who has been released for special duties under the Admiralty, according to a British Wireless message from London.

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SITUATION IN IRAQ RAPIDLY BEING GOT UNDER CONTROL

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Cairo)

"THE SITUATION IN IRAQ IS RAPIDLY BEING GOT UNDER CONTROL," STATED A BRITISH OFFICER WHO HAS JUST FLOWN BACK FROM HABBANIYAH IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH REUTER YESTER-DAY MORNING.

The officer continued: "The R.A.F., cooperating with the British Imperial forces, have now put out of action the Iraqi air force without having to use very devastating methods.

"The Iraqi army in isolated sections showed a spirited offensive spirit but in the main it was unprepared for major engagements and as soon as it was up against it, it surrendered in large numbers.

"The rising was entirely influenced by the Nazi propaganda machine pouring mistruths into the ears of Iraqians—Baghdad radio spewing forth lies all day trying to invoke hatred of Britishers in the Near East.

"Evidence of methods employed by the Germans is furnished by the fact that Raschid Ali paid four Iraqi generals £100 each, cash down, to lead the revolt.

Dropping Pamphlets

"The British tried every means to stop the revolt peacefully. I myself flew down the Euphrate Valley dropping pamphlets but I was fired on by isolated batches of rebels with machine-guns.

"During the last few days I saw several unidentified aircraft flying over Iraq, probably German. They all sheered off most quickly on the approach of our aircraft.

"The Iraqians are tough soldiers but easily influenced, and with the arrival of reinforcements from India, the position is rapidly easing."

Nazi 'Planes

The officer confirmed reports of the arrival of a number of Nazi planes at Syrian airfields.

The British Imperial forces, he said, were established in the Near East and confident they were able to handle the situation.—Reuter.

DANCE HALLS DEFY BLITZ

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

London dance halls are planning to go on beating the blitz.

At the moment the Government has no intention of placing a ban on them or imposing a curfew, though such measures were suggested recently when dance-halls were hit and casualties occurred.

"Dancing is a valuable wartime sedative, and the people who want to stop it are just crazy cranks," said the manager of a chain of halls to the "Daily Mirror."

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"Dance-halls are just as safe as churches, cinemas, railway stations, or any other spot where large numbers of people gather—probably a good deal safer than some."

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G.M. FOR RESCUING BLAZING PILOT

For rescuing a blazing R.A.F. man from a Wellington bomber, Lance-Sergeant Edward Albert Provins and Gunner David John Edwin Roberts, both of the Royal Artillery, have been awarded the George Medal.

Provins, in charge of a searchlight s/c, tried to help the pilot to land safely by swinging a searchlight beam on trees and on the hilly ground.

But the plane crashed. Provins formed a rescue party. Although the plane was burning furiously and bullets were flying, he directed rescue operations with coolness and efficiency.

Roberts, one of the rescue party, assisted in lifting one of the wings of the burning plane and then went in among the flames.

He dragged out a member of the crew who was covered in oil, with his boots, trousers and hair burning.

Roberts got the man clear of the burning wreckage and extinguished the flames on his burning clothing.

HEAVY DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY IN MALTA

There was considerable damage to civilian property and some people were killed in Wednesday night's raid on Malta, which was carried out by a smaller formation of enemy planes than usual.

Bombs were dropped but no Naval or R.A.F. property was damaged and there were no Service casualties, states an official communique.—Reuter.

THEY SAVE CASH IN BOMBED METERS

Early visitors to bomb-wrecked areas after a blitz are the men who collect money from the gas meters of deserted houses.

Often the money has paid for more gas than has been consumed, and many inquiries have reached the "Daily Mirror" about what happens to the money.

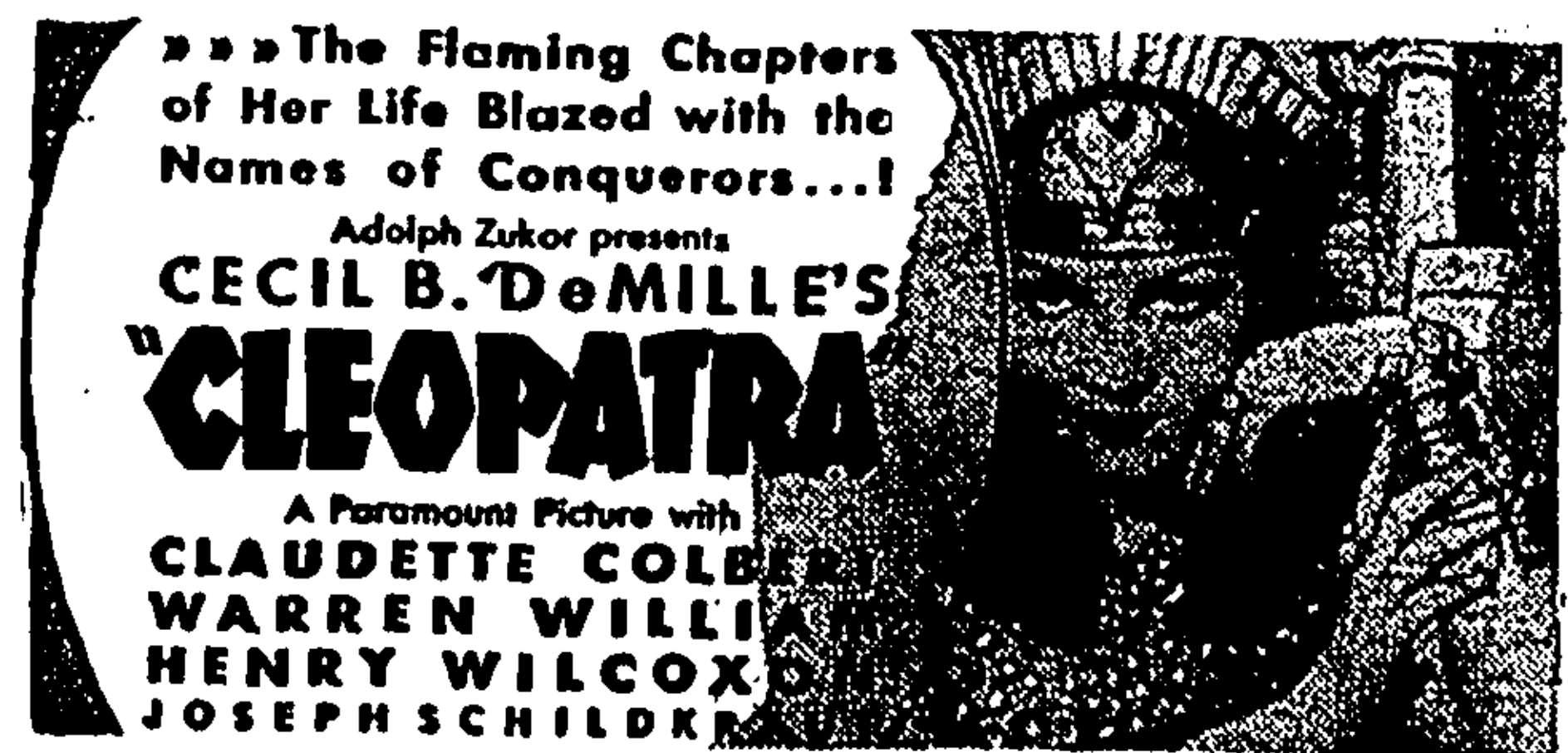
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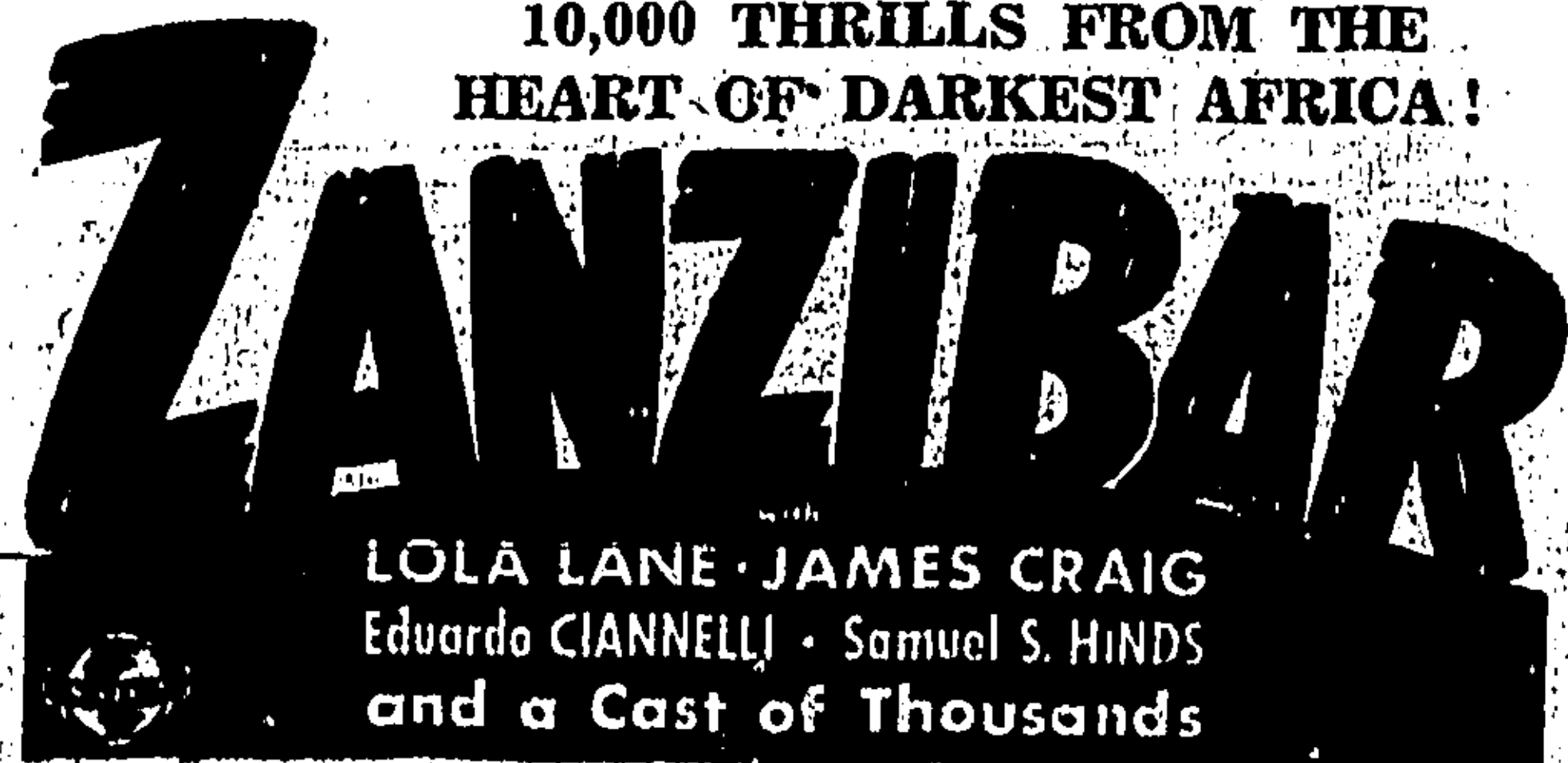
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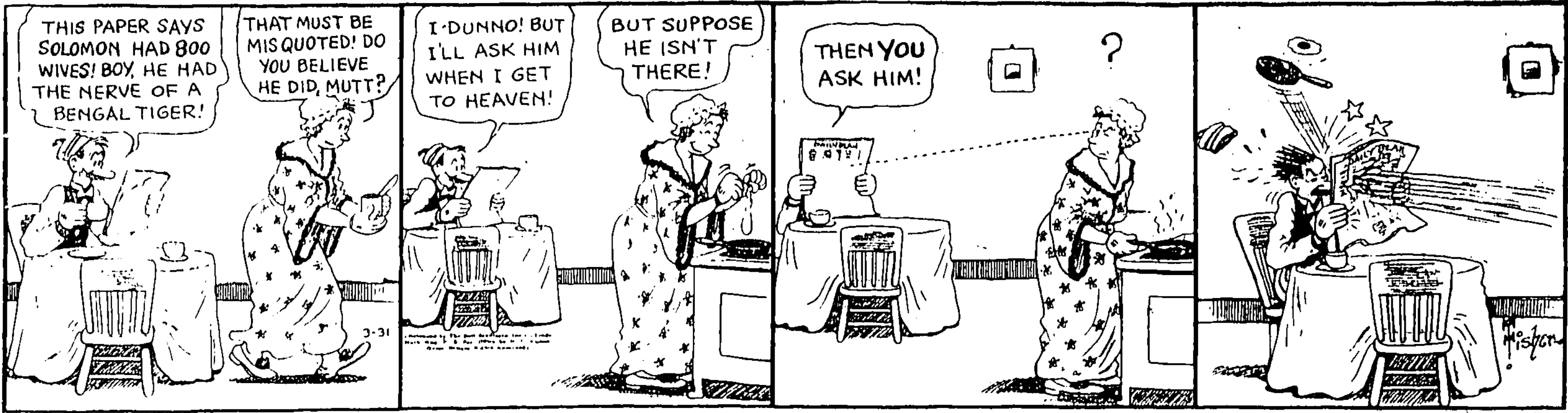
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DODECANESE BOMBED BY R.A.F. IN MIDDLE EAST

A BRITISH MIDDLE EAST communique yesterday reported widespread attacks by the R.A.F. in Cyrenaica, the Dodecanese, Iraq and Abyssinia.

The communique stated: Cyrenaica — on the night of May 12/13 our bombers over Benghazi registered direct hits on the railway, military headquarters, buildings of the governorate and the base of the cathedral mole. Fires were started but detailed observation was difficult.

Number of reconnaissance and patrol were carried out on Wednesday. See communique and Gabbassire by units of the South African Air Force.

The Dodecanese — on the previous night aerodrome, at Maritza and Calato — were bombed and fires started, and hit obtained near dispersed aircraft.

Iraq — continuous aerial attacks on rebel positions and objectives such as aerodromes, railways and motor transport, Amara, Raddad, Mosul and the railway at Baghdad.

Abyssinia — direct hits were obtained on Fort Mendi in central Abyssinia and machine-gun posts, one of them escaped safely by parachute. — Reuters.

MISTAKE DOWNS A NAZI

There is a Free Frenchman flying for Britain who made his first kill because he turned to right when his flight commander said left.

With Canadians, New Zealanders and British as his brother pilots, the Frenchman was flying with a Spitfire Squadron on patrol. For a time the Spitfires had the sky to themselves. Then the commander ordered a change of course. For a moment the Free Frenchman misunderstood. He went off to right while the remainder of the squadron went left. At Spitfire speed the Frenchman was a mile or two from his squadron when he realized his mistake.

But as he pushed open his throttle an enemy aircraft obligingly appeared ahead. The opportunity was too good to miss. The Frenchman, with a heaven-sent chance, flew close to the enemy machine; gave it several bursts from his eight machine-guns, and had the satisfaction of seeing the aircraft burst into flames and go down.

But that was in the Frenchman's early days as a Spitfire pilot. He has now brushed up his English so that "right" means "right," even in the heat of an aerial battle. He has seriously damaged one enemy aircraft, and probably destroyed another since he made his first kill by "mistake."

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America has agreed to send tobacco under the Lease and Lend Act, Mr. A. H. Maxwell, the Tobacco Controller, announced yesterday.

Supplies sufficient for all Britain's needs were already awaiting shipment, Mr. Maxwell added. More tobacco was being released from bond than ever in the history of the industry. — British Wireless.

750,000 WOMEN REGISTERED

Approximately 125,000 women registered under the National Service scheme are now due for interview, the Minister of Labour stated in the Commons yesterday. The number of women born in 1920 now registered, Mr. Bevin added, was 429,820, and 281,961 of those born in 1919 registered on May 3. — British Wireless.

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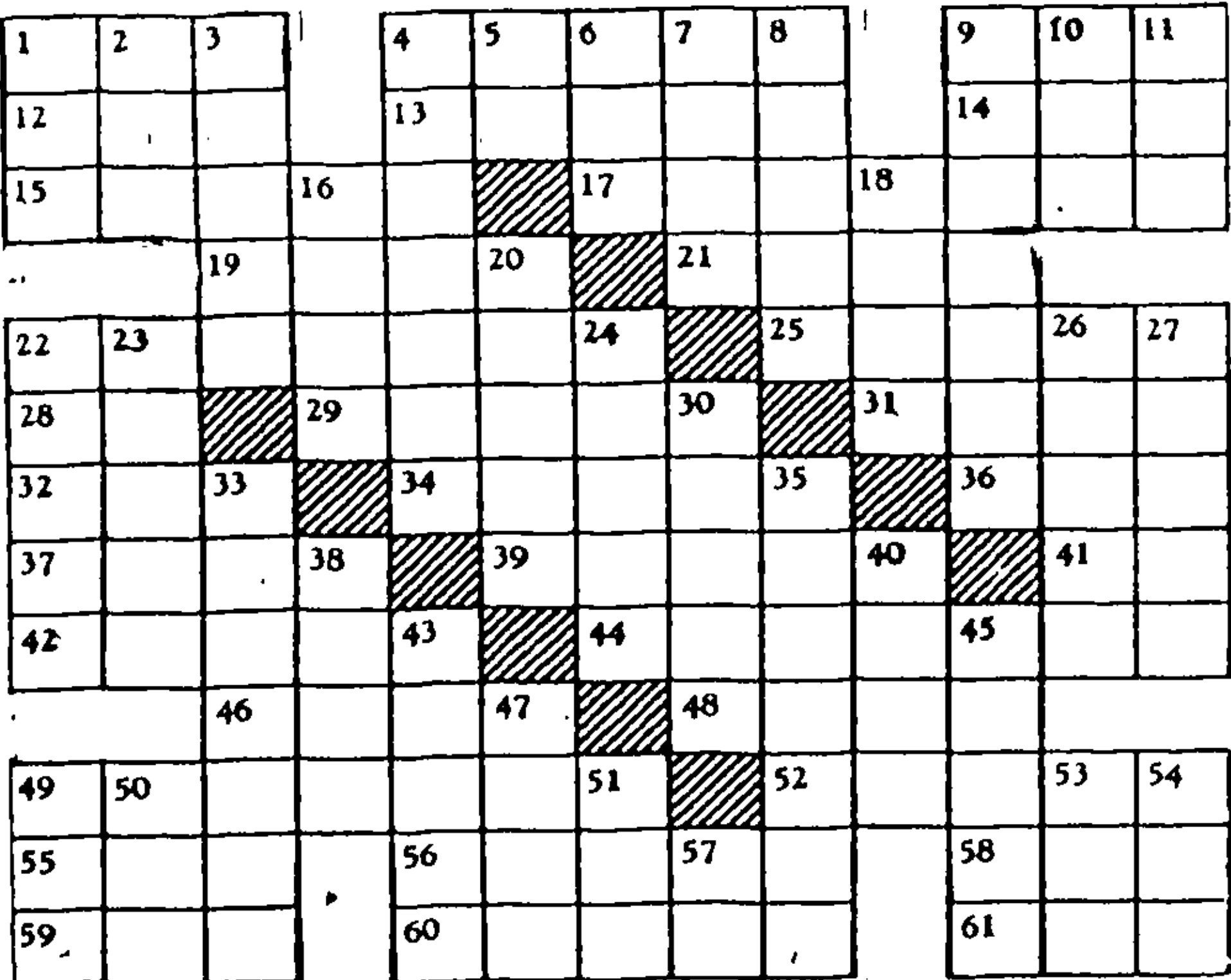
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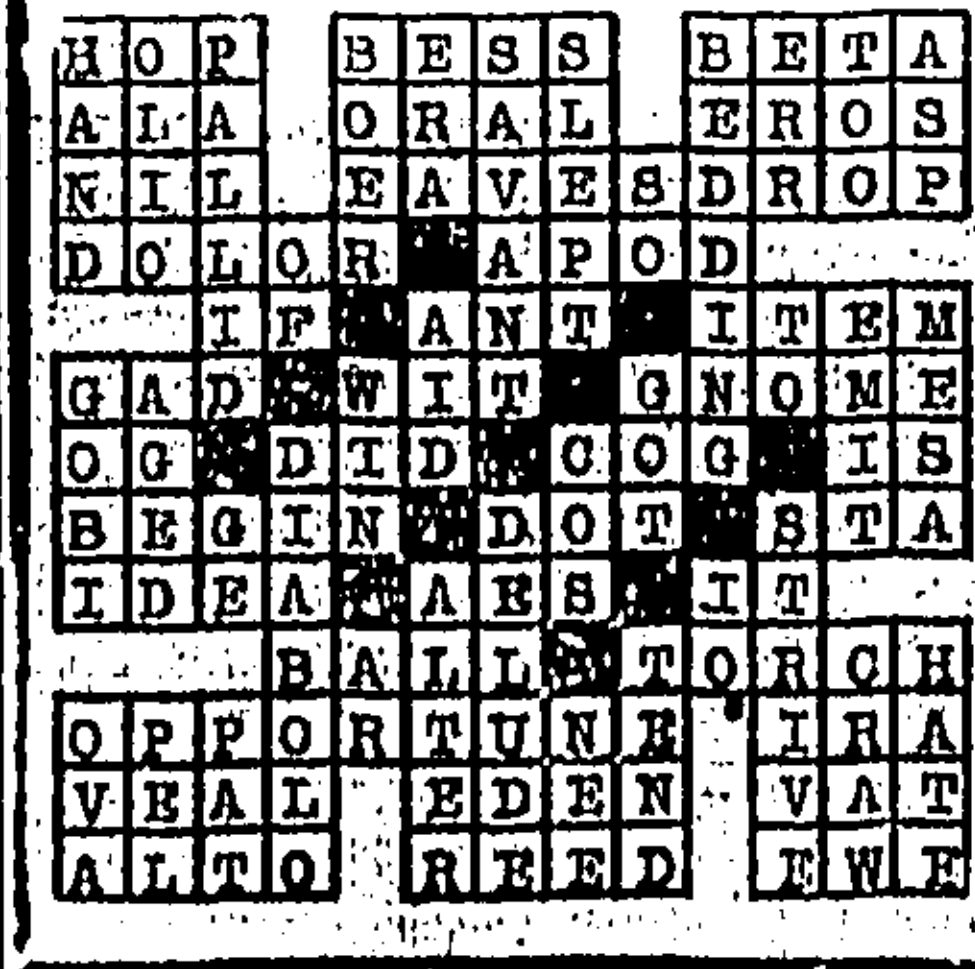
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 - 12 Rowing implement
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 - 17 To defend
 - 19 To cease
 - 21 Coal-car used at mine
 - 22 Roundabout routes
 - 25 Hebrew prophet
 - 28 Mulberry
 - 29 Archaic: to anoint
 - 31 Ancient alloy
 - 32 European fish
 - 34 Allots
 - 36 Period of time
 - 37 To tear
 - 39 River in Africa
 - 41 Exists
 - 42 Warmth
 - 44 Ancient city on the Tigris
 - 46 Girl's name

- 48 Novel by Zola
- 49 Encroached upon
- 52 Spanish dance
- 55 Small
- 56 Muse of poetry
- 58 Moisture
- 59 Roman bronze
- 60 Poetic: grief
- 61 Goddess of mischief

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Exploding noise
 - 2 Swiss river
 - 3 Tuft
 - 4 To amaze
 - 5 Colloquial: mother
 - 6 High mountain
 - 7 Kind
 - 8 To breathe raucously

- 9 Proposition
- 10 Fabulous bird
- 11 However
- 16 Greek portico
- 18 Ceylonese tree
- 20 To smooth oneself
- 22 Oriental tambourine
- 23 More aged
- 24 Killed
- 26 Eagle's nest
- 27 Tennis stroke
- 30 City in Illinois
- 33 Salad herb (pl.)
- 35 Legislator
- 38 Portuguese title
- 40 California rockfish
- 43 Archaic: interpreted
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- 49 Hawaiian bird
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JAPAN TURNS TO EXAMINING U.S. ATTITUDE

ONE WINTRY MORNING a slight, spare Japanese stood alone before the snow-mantled tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D. C., where he reverently clapped his hands and offered a sincere Shinto prayer. Then, ignoring the cold, he silently removed his overcoat, doffed his hat, and climbed slowly up the stone stairs to worship.

"Unknown Soldier," he whispered, "I trust you know who is this Oriental offering a prayer at your tomb. Twenty years have passed since you were sacrificed on a European battlefield.

"When politicians are trying desperately to get big hands and attempting to become heroes of journalism, you silent victims sacrificed your lives for the cause of nations, as God only knows. "It must be a wonderful thing to be known only to God.

"For Japan, I hope sincerely that many persons would be known only to God."

Returns To Tokyo

Now this Japanese, Tetsuma Hashimoto, has returned to Tokyo and he is writing his impressions of an America teeming with defense activity for the powerful industrial newspaper, "Chugai."

It is not as though Hashimoto was a member of the Japan-America society, a chap friendly to the United States through the years.

Instead he is leader of The Shunso, a resolute right wing group, and the mere fact that these articles are appearing in print, let alone being written, is a straw in the wind of what apparently is happening in Tokyo.

Hashimoto spent many weeks touring through the United States, from coast to coast, and north and south, as a member of a three-man economic group. While he says nothing about the persons with whom he talked, he definitely conferred with some of the most powerful business, financial and government leaders in both Washington and New York.

Throughout the late months of 1940 and in the early part of the year, the vernaculars have been beating the drums of antagonism. A significant change has taken place within the month, of which Hashimoto's reasoned, impartial analysis is typical.

Marvels At Police

Hashimoto told how at first he was a bit put out by the thoroughness of the police at San Francisco, where they examined his shoe soles and seams of his clothing, but afterwards, he said he concluded this was all right, for after all he was a member of a mission there to inquire into industry.

"From then on," he writes, "we were never visited by the police."

This astonished him, since foreigners in Japan usually are required to report departures from the city where they live, must register with the police, provide pictures, and register their addresses.

Hashimoto writes in detail of the plenty which surrounded him, and no wonder, for in Japan now there are lines of people waiting to buy bread from the bakeries, and frequently they don't get it, rice is strictly rationed, every scrap of old iron is saved and contributed to the government and a little extra sugar in the household is something to boast about.

"Scrap iron is seen everywhere in America," he writes. "America has no time to pay any attention to old things. She advances with new things. I told a friend of mine it would be easy for Japan and the United States to be friendly and cooperate in exchanging what they have.

Japanese Too Impatient

"But Japan may not be able to use America's abundant natural resources as long as the two nations are opposing each other. In my opinion the Japanese are too impatient. They are mad because America has so much of natural richness and resources. The Japanese are too envious."

Hashimoto turns from his description of the economic wealth of America to his experiences at the inauguration of President Roosevelt, and there again he found a sentiment entirely different from what he had expected.

Hashimoto said, he naturally thought California, "the cradle of the anti-Japanese movement," would be antagonistic, but "my expectation again proved erroneous. Of course Japanese firms are suffering from regulations enforced from the standpoint of national policy, particularly since the conclusion of the tripartite pact."

The conclusion Hashimoto inevitably reached after his visit was that, based on how he personally was received and welcomed, there is no antagonism toward the individual Japanese in the United States, but that the two governments are in a "head-long collision position."—Associated Press.

NAILS IN THE BELFRY

A Rumanian drove a nail into his head to relieve a headache. Though the nail was 4in. long, he only injured an eye nerve and his wound healed in ten days.

No sooner had he left hospital than he drove in another nail to prevent another headache, but this time he seriously injured his brain and is not expected to live.

'TIP AND RUN' RAIDER RUNS TOO LATE

A Dornier 17, which was on its way to this country for a raid was intercepted before it could reach the coast by the pilots of two Hurricane fighters.

The Hurricanes, outward bound on an offensive patrol, saw the German bomber approaching the coast and attacked it from opposite sides. Then they swept down on it from above, raked the length of the fuselage and then attacked again at point-blank range.

All this time the bomber's rear-gunner returned their fire with more energy than accuracy, while the pilot turned his machine towards the land. To aid his escape he jettisoned his bombs in the sea.

The German then tried to glide over the sea to make a safe landing ashore. But his damaged machine failed to stay the course, and with a splash the Dornier glided straight into the water. It disappeared in exactly ten seconds.

When the fighter pilots returned, one of them found that the German rear-gunner had put a bullet through his tailplane. The other machine was undamaged.

FINNS URGED TO FISH

As Finland's supply of meat is expected to be exhausted, Dr. Ryd, President of Finland, asked his Parliament to pass a law granting every citizen the right to fish in any waters.—Associated Press.

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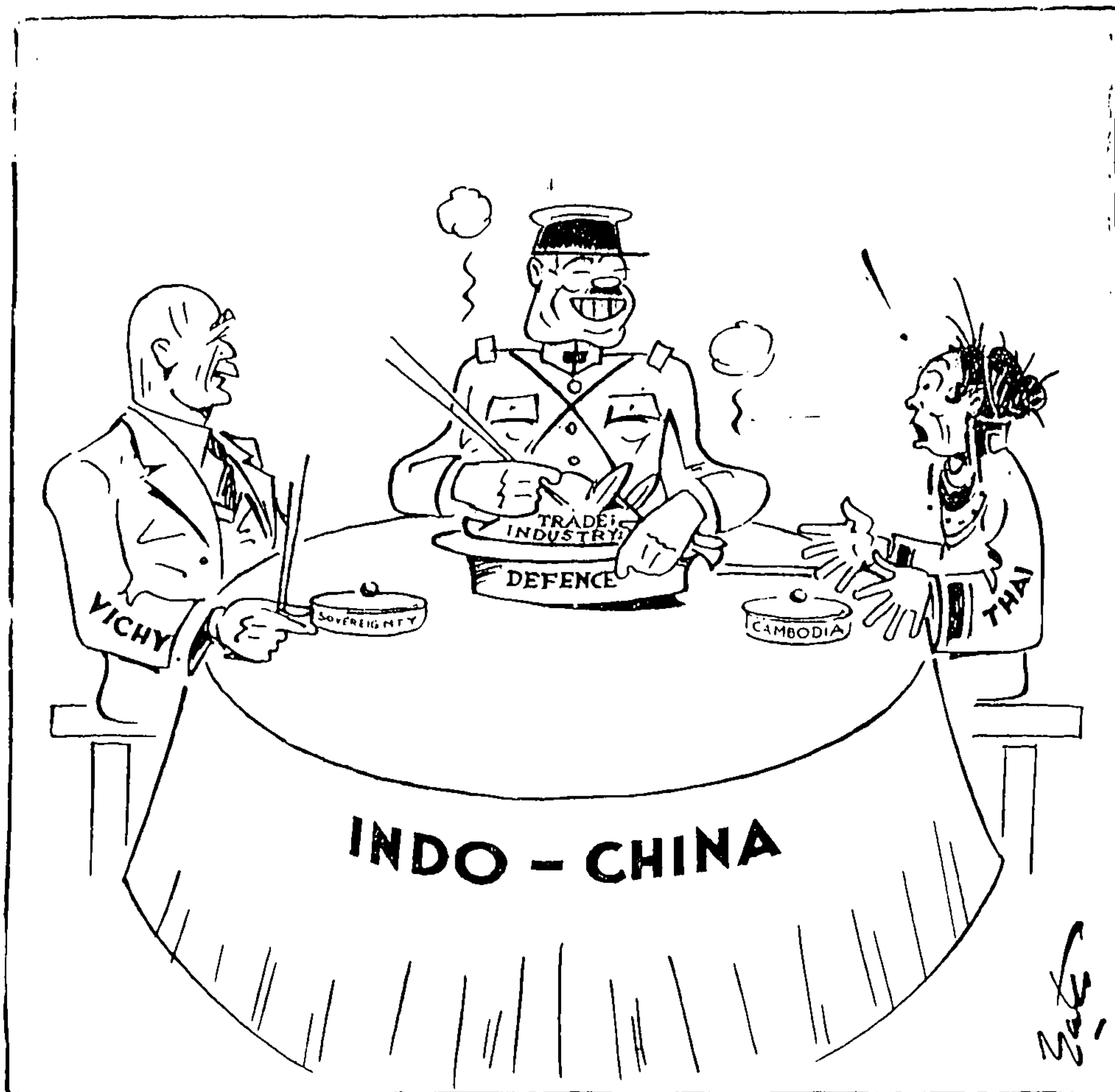
A STRAW IN THE WIND

The flight of Rudolf Hess to Britain, by virtue of his position in the German hierarchy, has such possibilities that the world remains gasping and conjecturing as to the underlying explanation.

Until Mr. Churchill makes his promised statement, there can be no dependable clue to the exact reason for the desperate action. The attempt of the Nazis to discredit any statement he may make by urging his insanity is useless. They cannot overcome the known fact that until a few days ago he was taking a prominent part in public life. He figured on the programme arranged for the birthday celebrations in honour of Hitler, delivering an eulogy on the Fuehrer on that occasion, and on May 1st he addressed employees of an armament factory at Augsburg. If Hess, Deputy-Fuehrer and third most important official in the German Reich, suffered from mental derangement of any sort as the Berlin broadcast tried to insinuate, the question must naturally arise why such an unstable person was permitted to hold extremely responsible posts for so many years and permitted to make decisions vitally affecting the party.

The theory that his flight indicates dissension amongst the party leaders seemed surely based. It has been categorically denied in England that he carried proposals from the German Government. He obviously left Germany without the knowledge or approval of his Government. His defection is a loss and potentially dangerous. As the close friend of Hitler, he must know the secrets, ambitions and plans of that "bad man," and his erstwhile master must be in the highest degree nervous of what Hess might be willing to divulge.

His decision to escape makes it plain to the world that the internal situation in Germany is one of growing strain and stress, even for the leaders who are reported to live in the greatest of comfort. But wishful thinking is not justified. It should not be imagined that his flight indicates the imminence of a crack-up in the Nazi party or a



CO-PROSPERITY MEAL

From Morocco To Turkey

By
Anne O'Hare McCormick

Where now is Europe? As the scene of battle shifts to the other side of the Mediterranean, the Continent seems left behind in more senses than one. Britain is still waging there a war of blockade, which we propose to tighten to the limit. This is the purpose of Dr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, in asking the full participation of the United States in freezing Axis credits and boycotting Axis trade throughout this hemisphere; and he would not have sprung this plan on American reporters in London if it were not already under consideration in Washington. The Royal Air Force is intensifying the war in the air, stepping up the size and tempo of the raids on the Channel ports and the German production centres. Diplomats are applying as much pressure as they can on Spain, Portugal and unoccupied France.

But we are out of the Continent as we were not before we dispatched troops to Greece. For the present, at least we will fight no more land battles on European soil. Europe remains a target, a place of siege, an object of combat, but it is no longer the active fighting ground. Europe is a state of suspense, time standing still, a

split between the party and the German people. It may, indeed, in the face of the common danger, more closely unite the remaining German leaders, at least for a time. As for the German people, it has already been clearly demonstrated that they have long ago surrendered their freedom of life, thought and action so completely that the stories invented for their consumption by Dr. Goebbels and his assistants on this occasion will probably be readily accepted as have other, more dubious lies.

vast waiting room, crowded with millions of hungry human beings living in darkness and coma. They are reconditioned while they wait, of course, so the issues at stake are being decided by them as much as by the combatants.

They are Europe. Yet Iraq is Europe, too. Crete is Europe. The pink house out on the Anatolian hills beyond Ankara is Europe, for there President Ismet Inonu will ponder Turkey's reply to the message Franz von Papen has brought from Berlin. The British Isles are now the core of Europe.

Wherever it is fought, this conflict is always and essentially a war for Europe, but the Continent itself has become too narrow to cover the lines that run out from this centre like the branches of a tree.

This truth was never so manifest as when the contest moves to the margins of Europe. The first fact that looms as Hitler prepares to charge in Asia and Africa is that a new ordeal impends for France. The development of the Nazi drive on Egypt is bound to affect the position of France in North Africa and in Syria. It must reopen, within France and Britain, the most painful wound of the war.

General Weygand now faces the showdown postponed for a time by the Italian defeat in the Mediterranean. Has he force enough to keep his pledge to resist any invader of the French Empire? Those who know Marshal Petain believe that he will never break his word not to allow French territory or the French fleet to be used against France's former ally; but how long will the decision be left in his hands? How important a role in the coming battle will be played by the forces mobilised by General de Gaulle in Equatorial Africa?

Disarmed and defeated, the French are at the mercy of Hitler. He holds nearly 2,000,000 hostages, controls the food supply, exercises absolute police powers. If in such circumstances the Laval and de Brinons have failed to speed up a policy of "collaboration" with Germany, resistance must be very strong, from the old Marshal down to wives of the war prisoners. It is inconceivable that France should fight Britain and inevitable that the Germans will use every means to coerce her. The re-emergence of this tragic issue shows how literally the war for Europe is merely transferred to North Africa.

The clash in Iraq proves the same point. It is not by chance that a pro-Axis government is established at Baghdad, or that opposition to Britain flares up in this frowsy capital on the Tigris. Nor is it only a question of oil, rich and coveted as are the wells of Mosul.

Iraq is the strategic centre of the great Arabian peninsula and has been deliberately picked out by the Germans as a focal point for an Arab rising. The irony is that British armies freed Iraq from the Turks in the last war, and Iraq is the only mandated territory in this area that has been given independence. Syria, under French mandate, seethes with discontent because the same status was not accorded her, and Palestine is kept under British rule because of the conflict between the Arabs and the Jews.

It can be imagined how the call to a "holy war" could stir up the latent fanaticisms in these countries. The Arabs are too divided, too split into tribal factions, too weak militarily, to make this apparently premature threat very dangerous. The Iraq Army is only a shadow, incapable of offering serious resistance even to a small British force. The whole thing is a scarecrow, but it may have a dreadful effect.

This is Berlin in Baghdad. The Iraq revolt may prove an abortive gesture, but it is a logical climax of the propaganda and bribery employed to forge the sword of Islam into a weapon in the European war. As the flames lighted in Europe spread along the Mediterranean coast from Morocco to Turkey, we see that no continent can contain this devouring fire.

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LIFE'S LITTLE COMPLICATIONS FOR JAPAN

"LIFE IS DIFFICULT FOR JAPAN, WHO WORKS SO HARD FOR PEACE," DECLARES THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" IN A LEADING ARTICLE ON THE FAR EAST.

"In order, as she said, to preserve peace in the Pacific, she made the Triple Pact of Berlin, which meant that if the United States came into the war both Japan and the Axis would attack her and, in spite of evasions, it meant the same for Russia.

"Then Japan, looking hungrily southward towards the Dutch East Indies, decided that she must make sure of peace with Russia, so she made a new pact under which she and Russia declared that they would be neutral if either of them were attacked by a third power.

"This looked very much like double-crossing Germany but the Germans did not mind because at the moment their one idea is that Japan should quarrel as soon as possible with Britain and the United States.

"But now word is reaching Japan that Germany and Russia may soon make a large agreement by which Russia will send supplies to Germany and Germany will give Russia a free hand in Asia.

A FREE HAND WHEN RUSSIA HAS JUST BOUND HERSELF NOT TO INCOMMUNE JAPAN!

Mutual "Trust"

"The Japanese army never trusts Russia and its paper, the 'Kokumin,' is shocked at the report.

"It says that Japan could not sit 'with folded hands' if Russia thus reasserted her freedom of action in the East.

"So Japan is wondering whether her two allies, old and new, are now double-crossing her. Each of the three trusts the others as far as she can see them and no farther." — Reuter.

LOYALTY AND SACRIFICE

"I expect each one of you to uphold the glorious traditions bequeathed us and to lay down your lives, if need be, in defence of the British Empire, which is fighting for the preservation of human liberty and civilisation."

With these words the Maharajah of Patiala yesterday bid farewell to officers and men of a motor transport company raised in the State on the eve of their departure for service with the British forces.

The Maharajah added that to a brave people a call to duty such as the present one should prove a source of inspiration and jubilation and he hoped his soldiers would at least live up to, if not improve upon, the high standard of loyalty and sacrifice set up by their ancestors.

He assured the men that his Government would take every possible care of their families in their absence. — Reuter.

HEROES OR MARTYRS?

"What shall it profit a man if he braves a blitz like a hero and then is killed in a road accident?" asks the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

"The nation has too much need of heroes for them to be martyrs."

BRITISH HEALTH PUZZLE

The United States are sending to Britain a committee of American medical men to try and find out why people have come through the winter's ordeals with better health than in years of peace.

Medical men generally are completely baffled by the nation's fitness. They feared that after nights of crowding in air raid shelters and exposure to all weathers on A.R.P. and fire watching, epidemics might sweep the country.

In fact, there have been fewer cases of scarlet fever, diphtheria, pneumonia and typhoid fever and only half the number of deaths from influenza. Whooping cough and meningitis have alone been rather more prevalent than usual.

Britain's own doctors offer various explanations, among them the dispersal of densely populated areas, the improved system of health supervision, the spread of education in preventive measures, and fewer people at cinemas and in other public places.

All, however, are agreed that the busy, hazardous life led by 45,000,000 people leaves them neither time nor inclination to brood over minor ailments. — British Wireless.

MASS GERMAN EVACUATION

The fact that R.A.F. raids have compelled the large scale evacuation of children from north and west Germany to Czechoslovakia, Poland and Austria, is the subject of comment in the "Manchester Guardian."

"To judge from a report recently made by Baldur von Schirach, parents at first hung back from sending children away. Then there was a storm of evacuation, particularly from Hamburg, Bremen, Berlin and the great towns of the west. (This was before the last series of heavy British raids). Considerable strain was put on the transport system.

"Some idea of the recent increase can be gathered from figures of the Polish warthegau.

"At the end of December there were only 15,000 Berlin children there. By February 20 there were 100,000.

"Czech reports say that 150,000 refugees, both child and adult, have arrived in Bohemia and Moravia and 32 districts have been compulsorily evacuated by order of the Protector to make room for them. This figure has probably been doubled by now.

"General inference is that German evacuation has been a hurried affair for which no adequate preparation had been made.

"It has now been extended on a huge scale and Germany and her tributary countries offer enormous tracts that can be counted as 'safe' areas.

"All the same it is a side of the war that must have had its effect on the confidence of ordinary people." — British Wireless.

FEWER SWEETS

A Ministry of Food Order prohibits the manufacture of cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery without licence from June 16 next. The Order does not apply to Northern Ireland. — British Wireless.

GERMANS NOW INSTALLED IN 4 SYRIAN BASES

THOUGH UNCONFIRMED, reports received yesterday state that the German air force is installed in four Syrian bases, including the number one airport of Rayak.

Reporting this, an American radio commentator speaking from Ankara last night, said that the Germans were said to have landed 20 bombers four days ago and that this number was said to have been swelled by the arrival of new squadrons.

According to other reports the Germans have succeeded in transporting by boat and are disembarking at Syrian ports, a certain amount of war material, including tanks, but Germans in Ankara deny this.

The German Embassy spokesman said "There is only one German soldier in Syria and he is a member of the German-Italian armistice commission."

Another Axis informant said "London's decision to send the R.A.F. into action was premature because no German troops have reached Syria, although preparations have been underway both in Syrian air bases and ports."

Technicians

It is learned in Ankara, the American commentator added,

that a German-Italian military mission has arrived at the Iraqi capital and German technicians are reported en route across Syria to Iraq.

In Cairo, German planes which previously were reported to be flying across Syria, are stated authoritatively to have used aerodromes in Syria while en route to Iraq.

For Some Days

They appear to be mostly bombers but there may be one or two troop-carriers among them.

Rayak and Aleppo are among aerodromes they are reported to have used.

Some machines are probably remaining in Syria. The operations have been going on for three or four days. — Reuter.

THE DEAD END KIDS LINE UP FOR A BATTLE

(By A Special Correspondent)

JUTTING OUT in black relief against the water around the island, stood Watson's Wharf. A hundred and fifty people lay huddled in the shelter underneath one night, praying that the rain of bombs might cease.

And a band of boys who had grown up together in the slums of Wapping Island were laughing and joking in the middle of the shelter.

They went out into the night to see if they could help their neighbours. And from that arose a band of fellowship called the Dead End Kids of Wapping.

In the next months all Wapping Island thrilled at the exploits of the Dead End Kids.

There were eighteen of them, all shapes and sizes, from bargee's assistant to grocer's boy. They were led by Patsie Duggan, a young lorry driver.

Night after night this unofficial defence service has gone into action. They have forgotten the number of fires they have put out, but they know the shelterers of Watson's Wharf rely on them.

They have formed themselves into four squads, and they stand by in the shelter.

When incendiaries start to fall, out goes Squad No. 1. Each man wears two pairs of gloves and carries a stirrup pump.

Unwritten Law

If it is a big job the other squads are called out. But the unwritten law is that no fireman is called unless the whole band can't handle the fire.

The "law" has never been broken. Through every kind of rain, in all weathers they have fought those fires.

A time bomb fell fifty yards from a fire they were tackling. The Dead End Kids went on.

Once a time bomb fell near a shelter. They strained and heaved at the bomb, but it wouldn't come out of the ground.

But with the great fire came their first casualties. Two of the boys were killed as they rescued horses from a burning building. Then one was drowned when he slipped from a barge.

Three more boys stepped into the ranks.

The firemen around Wapping say that the boys ought to be recommended for their valour.

NEW RICH CLASS IN CHINA

A new moneyed class has sprung up in unoccupied China as an outgrowth of the Sino-Japanese war.

Its members are ricksha men, chauffeurs, carters, burden carriers and day labourers engaged in transporting goods from the sea-coast to west China. They are earning the unprecedented — for China — wages of Ch. \$8 and \$10 daily. Before the war they averaged about that much monthly.

Chauffeurs are the plutocrats in this new society, especially those who drive the heavy trucks which bring supplies from the China-Burma border to Chungking over the hazardous Burma road. For one such trip they realise from Ch. \$800 to \$1,000, a fortune to the average Chinese. A well paid chauffeur in Shanghai earns Ch. \$80 a month, the equivalent of US\$4.

The growing wealth of the transportation workers is one phase of a social readjustment which is evident everywhere in Free China to-day. With prices rising excessively, the salaried and professional classes are having difficult times, since their incomes have not increased. Their dollars are worth only one-fourth of their pre-war values. — Associated Press.

SIX DAYS OF AGONY AT SEA

Far out in the Atlantic a ship was bringing a cargo to Britain. A British ship.

From out of the grey sea came a torpedo. In a few moments the ship was sinking.

Ten men got away in time — ten men left by the enemy to die.

They had time only to lower a raft.

All they had on board to succour them were six tins of condensed milk and half a gallon of water.

They had taken bearings shortly before the ship was torpedoed. The nearest land was 800 miles away from Ireland.

Between them and that land lay 800 miles of sea, freezing winter weather, and a few struts of wood.

And so they started six days of agony.

One by one the tins of condensed milk were opened — a sip taken.

At night, they fastened themselves with their belts to the wooden struts while they snatched an hour's sleep. Even so, two were washed off by the heavy seas and vanished.

Two more lost their reason, and died.

Life Sailed Along

On the sixth day a warship sighted them — drew near.

Within hailing distance a life-line was thrown from the ship's deck over the raft. . . the men on the raft stretched out their arms to catch this line of life. It fell true and the men were lifted aboard, nearly stiff with cold.

The men reached England; a few hours later they had applied for another ship. Now they are sailing again.

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GHOST OF A RAINBOW

The crew of a Hudson reconnaissance aircraft, flying over the North Sea when the moon was full saw a very clear lunar rainbow.

"It was like the ghost of a sun-rainbow" said the pilot. "It made a complete semi-circle, with the ends going down to the sea. You could just make out the different colours, but they were very thin and weak."

"It was a beautiful sight such as none of us had seen before, and made a pleasant change from the searchlights and anti-aircraft fire we had just left on the Norwegian coast."

GAVE LIFE FOR SAILOR

Commander Charles F. Hallaran, R. N., former Irish Rugby international, has died on active service in attempting to rescue a sailor who had fallen into the sea. It was disclosed in London.

KNIT YOUR HAT AWAY — IT'S LATEST IDEA

Hats made of skeins of wool for war knitters are selling in hundreds in New York at £1 apiece.

The hat looks like a bird's nest of wool and has space in the crown for decorative knitting needles and a sweater or other garment that is in the making.

The knitter simply takes the needles from the hat. Then, as she knits, the wool gradually unwinds itself from the head, making the hat smaller and smaller until it vanishes.

PRINCESSES GROW FOOD

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, who are evacuated to the country have converted their flower beds into vegetable gardens, and are now growing onions and carrots.

This is in response to the King's appeal to everyone connected with the royal household to grow as much food as possible.

The King has given plots of ground in the royal gardens at Windsor Castle to every lodge-keeper on the estate.

Enough ground is being allotted for each lodgekeeper to grow enough vegetables the whole year through for his family.

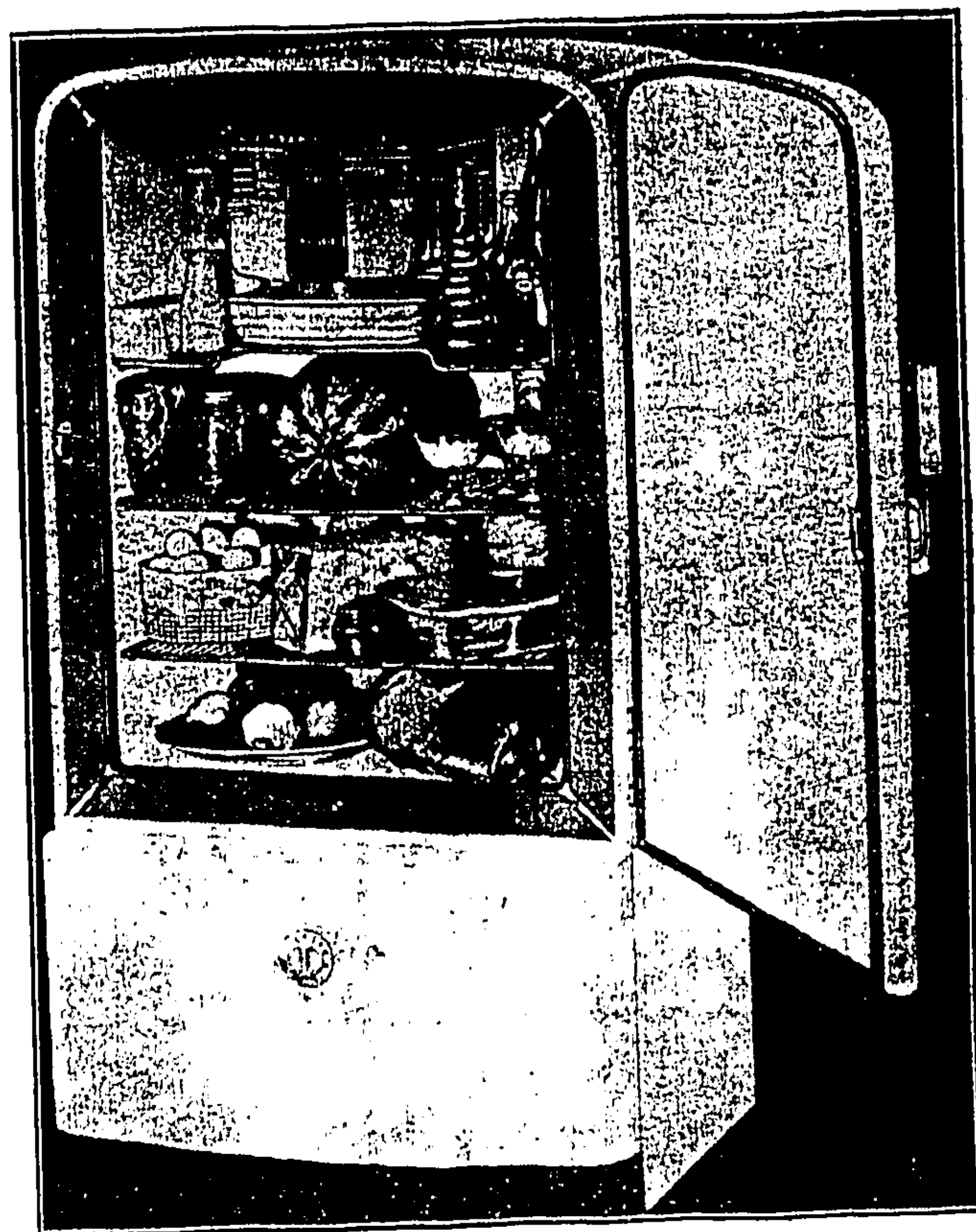
In a notice circulated to employees the King stresses the importance of growing every possible ounce of vegetables.

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BRIDGE NO. 43

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 43

By The Four Aces

South maintained he was the victim of circumstance, but Bridge sleuths may decide otherwise.

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ 6 5 4
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ 8 5 4

♠ J 10 9
♥ 8 7
♦ Q 10 6 4
♣ 7 3 2

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♠ 3 2
♥ 9 5
♦ Q J 10
♣ 9 8

♠ A K Q
♥ A K 8
♦ A 6
♣ A 10 9 * 2

The bidding:

South West North East
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

West led the Jack of Spades, South winning with the Queen. Declarer went right after the clubs, laying down the Ace and then a low club. East won and began his diamonds, continuing that suit each time he got in with clubs. South was therefore unable to make his game contract in no-trump.

Now, we've already admitted that South committed a Bridge crime, but just what was his transgression? See if you can spot it before you read on.

South's crime consisted in laying down the club Ace at the second trick! No play could be wrong if the missing clubs were split 3-2; and no play could be right if West had four or more of the clubs including all the honours.

But South could and should have provided against the actual bad break by leading a low club at the second trick. East would win and lead a diamond; and South would take the diamond Ace and lead the club nine. That would force out a second honour and reveal the bad break.

The next diamond trick could be won with dummy's King, and a club finesse could then be taken to bring in the rest of the suit and a total of ten tricks!

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 7 3
♥ A K 4
♦ K 9 5 2
♣ A K 6

The bidding:

Jacoby You Moler Schenken
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. Partner's bid of one spade promises very little, so you still need some help from him in determining whether there is a game and what the contract should be. If partner cannot respond to two no-trump, there is no game.

Score 100% for two no-trump, 60% for three no-trump, 20% for three spades.

Question No. 717

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby You Moler Schenken
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
Pass 2NT Pass 3♠
Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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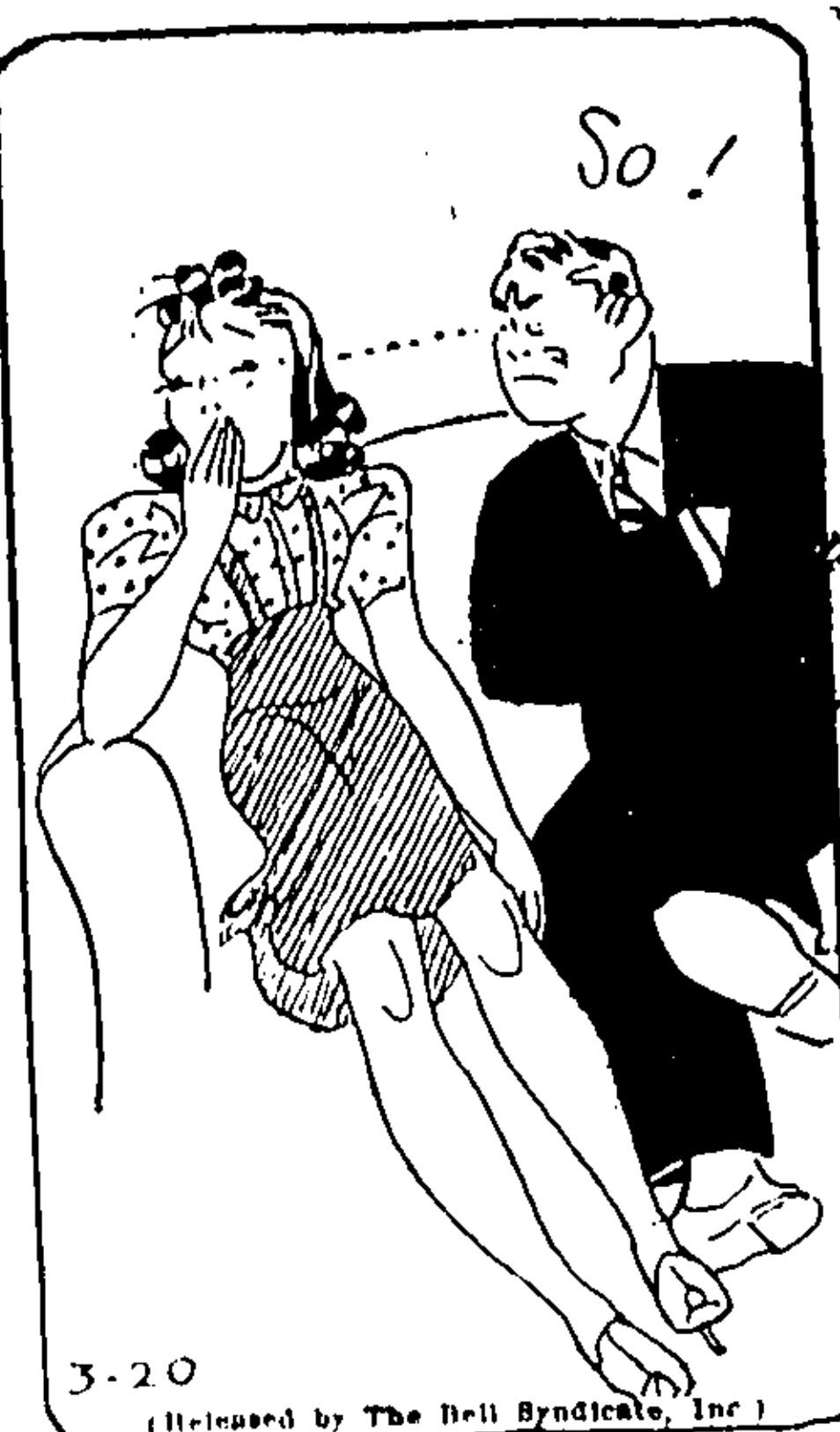
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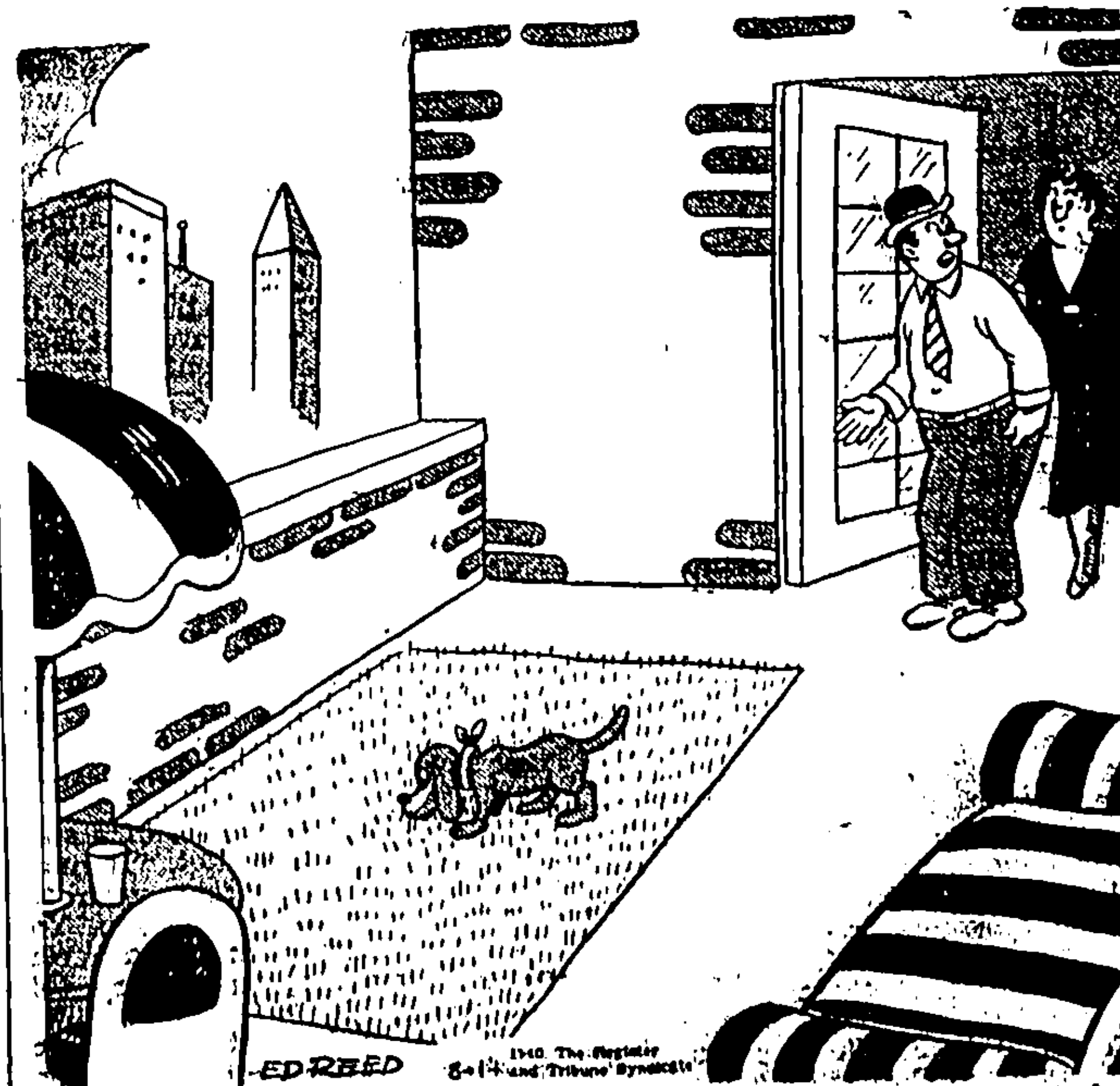
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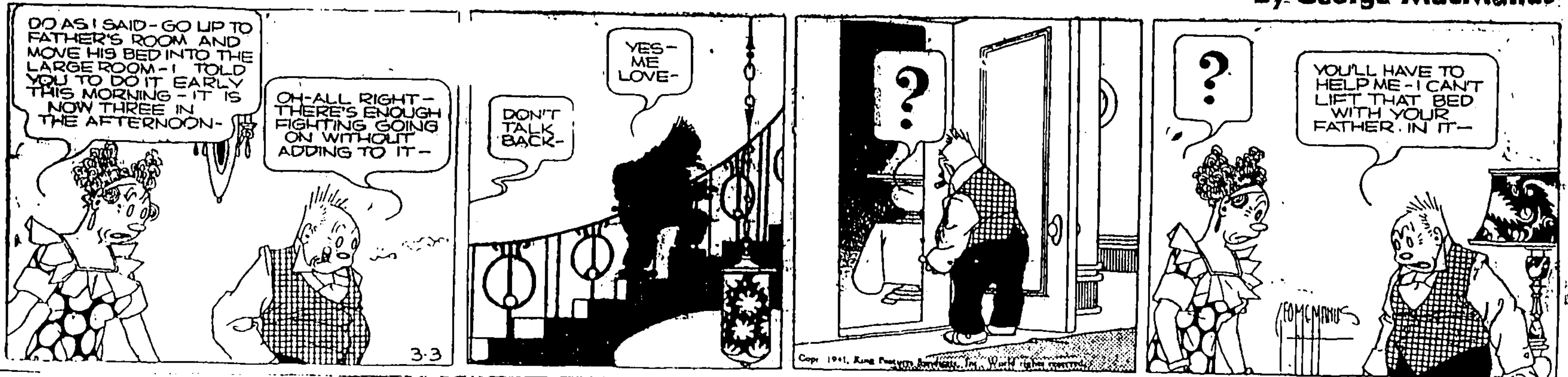
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
 12.30 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal & Piano).

Hutch Medley - Intro. My Heart Stood Still. Let's fall in Love. What is this thing called Love. The wind in the willows. With a Song in my heart. That's Love, Lover. Life is just a Bowl of Cherries. Without a Song. One morning in May. Let's call it a Day. I've got to sing a Torch Song. Happy go lucky You. Night and Day. My Darling. Dusty Shoes.

Maybe. My Wrong Again (Trent Bennett).

Back to those Happy Days (Nicholls). 12.45 p.m.—Al Bollington at the Organ. Bell Medley - Intro. Bells across the Meadow (Kretschmer). Monastery Bells (Wells). Voice of the Bell (Chubb). Fire Bell (Kempinski). Legend of the Bells (Planquette). The Bells of St. Mary's (Adams) with Antoin and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

Once in a While (Green). Edwards. "Rosalie" - Selection (Cole Porter). 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal. 1.01 p.m.—A Haydn Programme. Minuet in C Sharp Minor. Chain of Waltzes. Wanda Landowska (Harpischord).

Symphony in G Major, "Military" 1st Mov. Adagio. Allegro. 2nd Mov. Allegretto. 3rd Mov. Menuetto (Moderato). 4th Mov. Finale (Presto). Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot - Bewitched (from "Pal Joey"). My Ship (from "Lady in the Dark"). Bob Chester and his Orchestra. Waltz - Kisses in the Dark. Fox-Trot - Now it can be Told (from "Alexander's Ragtime Band"). Alex Moore presents Mantovani's Orch. for Dancing.

Fox-Trot - We've come a long way together. Quick-Step - Wishing (from "Love Affairs"). Jack Harris and his Orchestra. Fox-Trot - Merry and Bright. Polka - Keep Young. George Boulanger and his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot - I Gotta See a Dream About a Girl. Swing & Sway with Sammy Kaye.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—The New Light Symphony Orchestra with Raymond Newell (Baritone).

Parade of the Tin Soldiers (Jessell). Policeman's Holiday (Ewing). New Light Symphony Orchestra.

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"Jewels of the Madonna" - Intermezzo (Wolf-Ferrari). New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Fellow me 'ome - A Barrack-Room Ballad (Kipling, Ward-Higgs). Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orchestra.

"The Dubarry" - Selection. New Light Symphony Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay - The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay - "Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Tchaikowsky - "Case No. 1" Suite, Op. 71A.

Miniature Overture. March Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy. Russian Dance. Arab Dance. Chinese Dance. Dance of the Flute. Waltz of the Flowers. Philadelphia Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

7.53 p.m.—Two Short Piano Pieces played by Walter Gieseking. Serenade Op. 17 No. 2 (R. Strauss). Reverie (Debussy).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Verdi's "La Traviata" Act II. with Lionello Cecil, Mercedes Caputo, Ida Conti, Carlo Galeffi, Baccaloni, Villa, Nesti, Baracchi, and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay - The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—"Why not 'Middle Brow'?" Talk by Dr. William Lovelock of the Trinity College of Music, illustrated by Gramophone records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Songs by Josephine Baker and Frank Crumit.

Antonio Pasquale Ramon (Crumit). Wrap me up in my tarpaulin jacket (Whyte & others). Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Guitar.

La Petite Tonkinoise (Christine & others). Josephine Baker.

J'ai Deux Amours (Koger & others). Josephine Baker and Adrien Lamy with Melodie Jazz du Casino de Paris.

No News. Frank Crumit.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay - O. M. Green's Newsletter.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots - Alouette, School Days... Horace Heldt and his Orchestra. Pasodoble - Nino de Jerez. Rumba - Maracas (from "Cuban Suite"). Tejada and his Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot - Sarah, Sarah. Fox-Trot - We'll go smiling along (from "Top of the World"). Harry Roy and his Band.

Quick-Step - Where the Blue Begins (from "Top of the World"). Waltz - Love Stay in my Heart (from "Top of the World"). Victor Silvester and his Ballroom Orchestra.

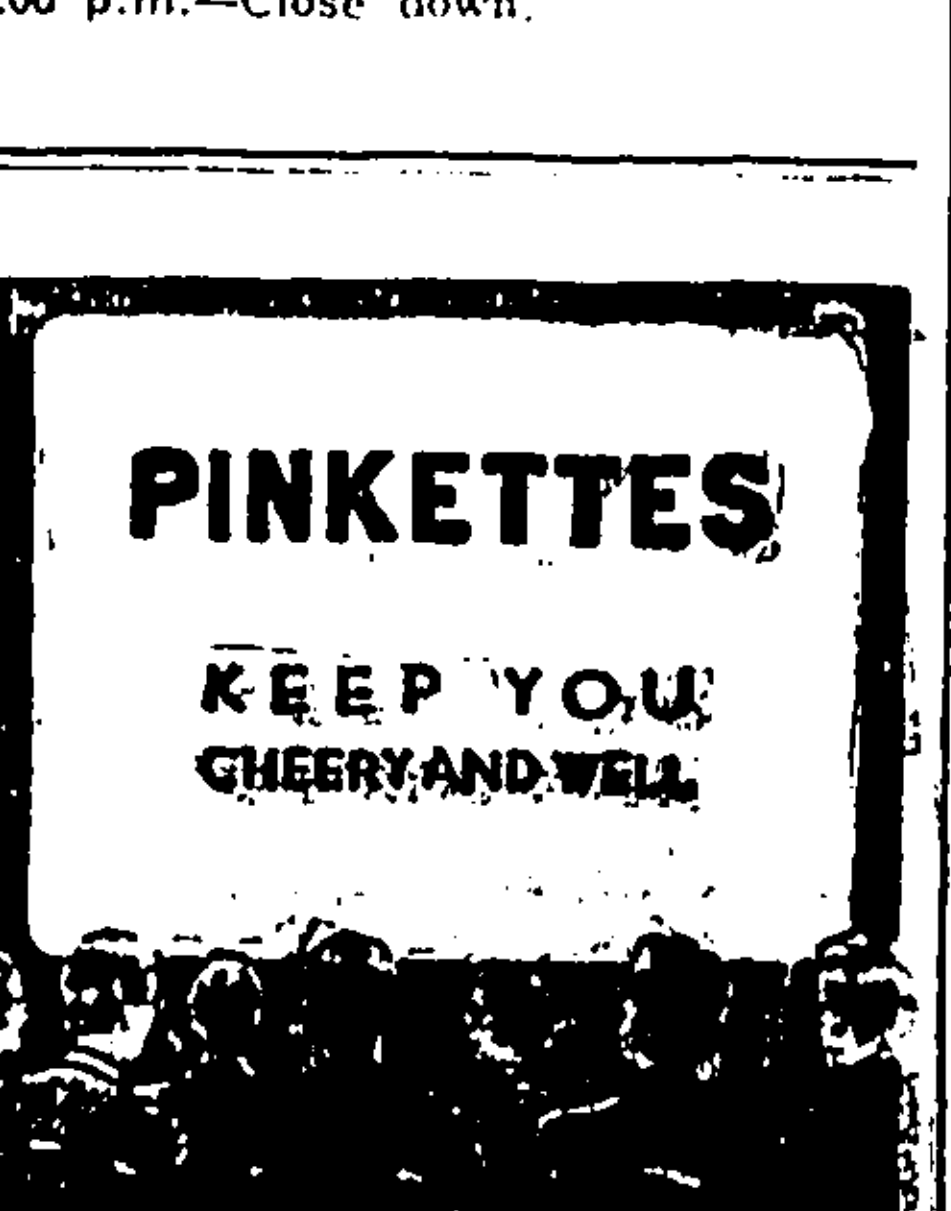
Blues - Wolverine Blues. Swingster. Skaters' Waltz in Swingtime... Bob Crosby and his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots - Punchinello (from "Music in my Heart"). Oh! What a Lovely Dream (from "Music in my Heart"). Freddy Martin and his Orch.

Tango Medley - Intro. Rosita (Du Pont). Jealousy (Gade). Julian (Donato). Joe Loss & his Band.

Fox-Trots - No Souvenirs. Don't Make me Laugh. Jack White and his Band.

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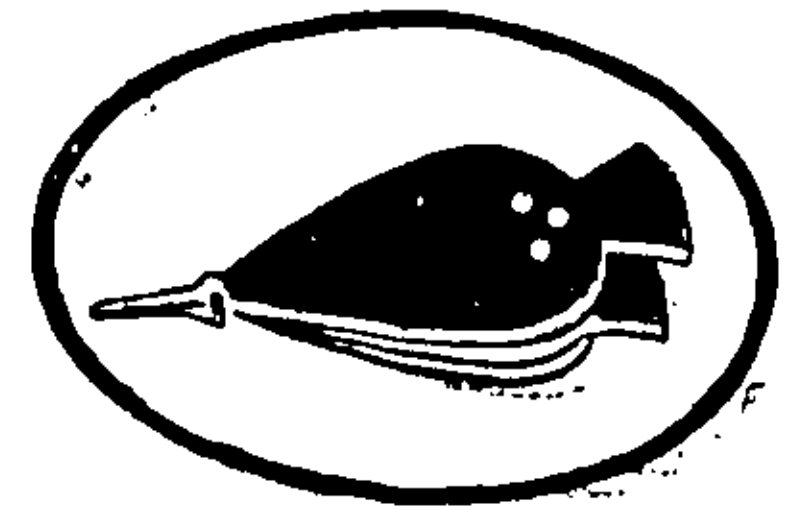


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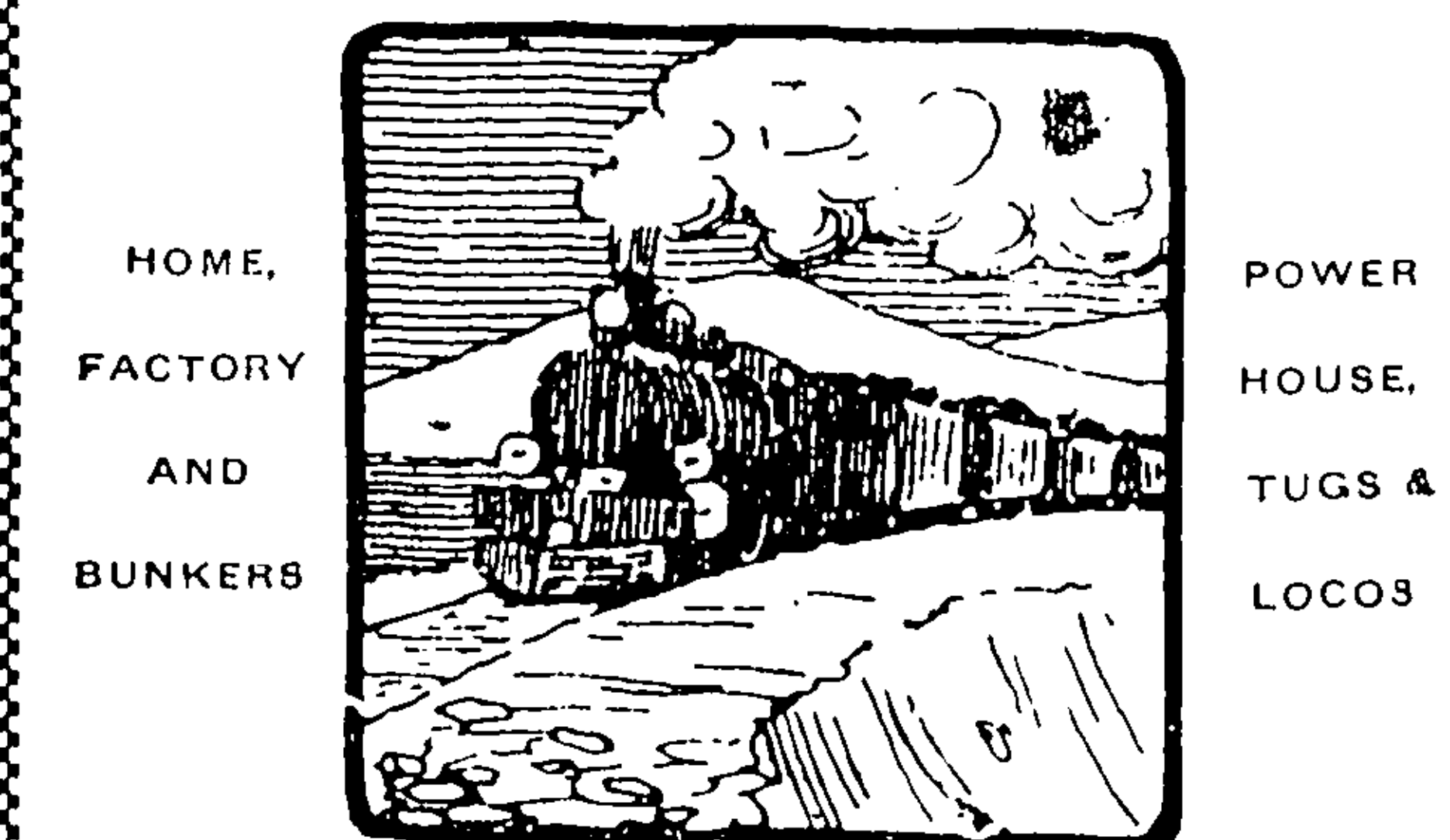
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JAPAN TO WAIT TILL ATTACKED

Colonel Jiro Saito, chief of the Japanese military mission in southern French Indo-China, told the "Associated Press" correspondent in Saigon "it is highly unlikely that there will be a Japanese-American conflict in the south Pacific in spite of appearances that America soon will be fighting Germany and despite Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka's assertion that Japan would be forced to fight the United States if the latter joins in the war in Europe."

The Colonel maintained "Japan will fight only if attacked." He stated there were many "loopholes" in the Japan-Axis agreement regarding Japan's part in connection with the European conflict.

The predominant opinion in Indo-China is that Japan stands to lose vital imports and her great advantageous economic position in this French colony which she would be unable to protect should Japan participate in a south Pacific war.

Matsuoka's Pacific war declaration caused intense interest among the French in Saigon, they seeing in that connection American intervention and Indo-China's reprieve from Japanese military control should Japan and the United States clash.

Signature of the Thailand-Indo-China peace treaty at Tokyo received no publicity in Saigon. The newspapers paid no attention to it.

It was the opinion that Japan was not gaining Indo-China naval bases although it was believed the treaty might contain secret clauses providing for such bases.

Meanwhile Indo-China army chiefs announced demobilisation of the 1920 and 1930 classes, leaving few more than regulars in the colony's armed forces.

Hanoi travellers arriving in Saigon reported growing Japanese-German tension in that area resulting from alleged Nippon efforts to "squeeze out" arriving Nazis who were reported to be looking for "sugar plum" business opportunities in that region. — Associated Press.

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The dry spell had its disadvantages, however, as most of the greens were as hard as iron and exceptionally fast. From all over the Colony I have had reports of heads being completed with 50 per cent. or so of the woods in the ditch. Most remarkable case brought to notice was in the K.C.C.-P.O.C. match in Second Division. When Carr, of K.C.C. went down to bowl against Bagley, on a long head, the latter's front men had left only one wood alive!

All matches went as expected in First Division but Craigen-gower, first victims this season of Prison Officers, had a good win over the Hong Kong Footballers in Second Division. P.O.C. again did well, on this occasion beating a strong K.C.C. side quite comfortably.

Most notable result in Third Division was the big victory scored by Cricket Club over Hong Kong Electric, in the latter team's first match of the season.

Lockhart's Grand Game

Hall and Sheriff had a rough time against McKelvie and Duncan, respectively, but with Holland scoring steadily from the 6th end onward, K.B.C. "A" supporters were never unduly worried about the ultimate result of the match with their juniors.

McKelvie at one stage appeared to have the measure of Hall, when he led 16-7 at the 14th, but the luck then changed and a big run for the senior skip from then onward enabled him to win by two shots, although he required a three at the last end to accomplish this.

Phillips, to whom the sympathies of all bowlers will go on his bereavement, had rather the better of Morton, while there was little to choose between White and Peckham, both being rather patchy.

Lockhart, however, was in grand form and was too good for Meyer, and Hall and McKelvie were well matched and usually had something of their own in the count.

Duncan finished strongly to beat Sheriff after being three shots to the bad with only three heads to go. Hodder had the better of Sykes, who played such a fine game last week, and honours between Gill and Dixon were shared. Levett did not do at all badly against the experienced Hyde-Lay, while Sheriff, although he showed some improvement on his form on the previous week, could not get the better of Duncan, who was as sound as ever.

There was little to choose between the front men in the Holland-Guy match, the issue being decided on the superiority of Holland over Guy. The former was in great form and on at least three occasions took the kitty back to turn adverse counts to his own advantage. In fairness to Guy, however, it must be mentioned that he was indisposed—it was even worse than that—he went home after the match and discovered he was running a temperature of 103!

Madar's Rally

Prior to the tea-interval, it appeared probable that the Champions would lay it into K.C.C. far more thickly than they eventually did, but a good rally by Madar improved matters to such an extent that there was only 14 shots in it all round when the match ended.

Madar adjourned for tea at the wrong end of a 6-20 score and I gather that he then went in to committee with his No. 3, Bobbington, and adopted an entirely different policy which almost enabled him to at least tie. Luz and Marques were completely outbowling Guest and Parsons and although Bebbington held Dick Alves pretty well all through, Madar was not given much chance of getting in when he went down to bowl.

After tea the K.C.C. rink adopted "bittzkrleg" tactics. Every time Recreio had the shot—and that was nearly all the time—Bobbington had a crack at breaking up the head. Three times he was so successful that he carried the kitty into the ditch. When he did not succeed Madar himself had a try, and Carlos Silva was altogether given quite a hectic time! K.C.C. put together 14 shots after tea

against Recreio's two singletons and those singletons proved the margin between the rinks.

Lady Luck

Teddy Fincher went down to Luz by six shots and there was little in it throughout. Recreio usually having such luck as was going. As an instance of this K.C.C. were on one occasion lying four, when Luz, with his last wood, wicked off a wing wood to take shot, which Fincher could not disturb with his last delivery. On another occasion, Jackie Noronha came up narrow and, striking an outside Recreio wood, knocked it in for shot, thus ruling out another four K.C.C. counters.

The twos and threes on both sides were not bowling very well and the real interest lay in the brilliant fight staged between the two leads.

Arthur Perry was brilliant and had a slight edge on F. X. Soares, although the latter was also at the top of his form.

Luz was somewhat better than Fincher.

There was another even struggle between Joe Fraser and "Spuggy" Silva, which was decided in favour of Recreio by some uncanny drawing on the part of "Spuggy" himself, who judged his weight perfectly. On one occasion Fraser was lying five and instead of attempting to block, went for another counter. His opposite number thereupon came up with a perfect wood to draw the very first!

Xavier was as steady as a rock at lead and usually had the better of George Lee, who gave the impression of being out of practice, but the No. 2's were pretty well matched. Taylor did his stuff well although he was inclined to be short at times, while Ribeiro played some good shots. Fraser tried hard and at no time would admit Silva to be his superior.

Bradbury's Seven

Highlight of the Craigen-gower-Kowloon Dock match was Bradbury's seven against Kempton. I gather it was a very good head and at one stage there were some five woods draped around the jack—none of them more than a foot away.

Souza, who played a sound game right through, had two counters, and Doc Karanjia, after putting his first in the ditch, drew a third shot. Coates thereupon put two more in the count and when the skips went down to bowl, Craigen-gower were lying a certain four, with the possibility of a fifth and a sixth.

Bradbury, anticipating a drive, placed his first wood behind the jack—a lovely shot—and sure enough Kempton had a go. Instead of removing some of the offending woods, however, he cracked one of his own, which knocked into another to remove his two possible counters. Bradbury proceeded to draw a seventh and Kempton tried to draw to save but was heavy and finished in the ditch.

Finest player of the eight was undoubtedly Karanjia, who was consistently deadly, but his opposite number was not to be put off by this sort of thing and gave a great display, probably being the best of the visiting four.

Greig could not get the weight—the Craigen-gower green was particularly fast—but although he was absolutely unable to draw, his heavy shots were very effective and he saved on several occasions by trailing the kitty, or taking out a counter.

Bradbury did not have as much to do as Kempton, who never gave up trying.

Omar conceded three fours to Morrison but was never in any real trouble, while Rosset had little to worry about against Coleman, although the latter gave a remarkably plucky display in the face of big odds all the time. Apart

CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES

Intending participants in the various Lawn Bowls Championships of the Colony are reminded that entries close on Monday, May 26.

from the skip, young Bob Lapsley was the only Dock player to shine and usually had the better of Y. A. Razack.

Fast Green

Police and Civil Service had a grand tussle on an extremely fast green that was drawing very well if one could get the weight. This was not always the case as will be appreciated from the fact that in Rakusen's game with Post, the former notched up a couple of fours, at the 5th and 6th ends, the counters being practically the only woods on the rink at the end—the others having been ditched.

Rakusen had a good fight and there was never much in it. The leads and twos on both sides were very well matched, while Harper, who was in fine form, had a slight edge on Carey, although it was only slight. Rakusen had a shade the better of the argument with Post, although again there was not much in it.

Shepherd played one of his finest games to beat McGowan. He had to be in good form as Mac was very consistent and was continually tricking in to save.

At the second end Shepherd had a great chance of bagging a seven. McLeod and Harris were through with both their woods and, when the No. 3's got down to bowl McGowan was lying three. Dall then played a grand shot through a narrow port to trail the jack and leave Police with five and he then drew a sixth. With his first wood Shepherd added to the count after McGowan, coming up with a bit of weight in an effort to save, had been narrow and finished in the ditch. With his last delivery, however, the Civil Service skip, knocked one of his own woods in for second shot which Shepherd couldn't get at.

Wally Mair was up against it all the time but never gave up the ghost against Charlie Strange with the result that he got his nose in front near the end and won by two.

For Mair, Soutar was fair until the 17th, when he plonked two on the jack and never looked back again and the remaining members of both rinks were very well matched, both skips doing their stuff well on occasion.

"Abe" Reduces Margin

But for the fact that M. R. Abbas won his match against B. Basto by seven shots, I.R.C. would have been beaten by a much bigger margin than the majority of four which Recreio "B" scored over them at King's Park.

Accustomed as they are to a somewhat heavy green, the Indians found the Recreio green too fast for them and most of them were inclined to be on the heavy side.

Dallah, who went down to "Doc" Gutteres by 10 shots, was completely off form and it was unfortunate that all his front men also could not find the right touch that afternoon.

Abbas, who had good support from the rest of his rink, had an 8-1 lead at the 6th but Basto managed to creep up on him and at the 14th, thanks to a four, led 13-10. The scores were tied again at the 17th, after which Abbas scored a singleton and three twos in a row to win 20-13.

There was very little to choose between J. J. Basto and A. K. Minu and the ultimate score, 18-17 in favour of the former, was a fair indication of the run of play.

Other Bowls
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SECOND DIVISION

K.C.C. DITCH FIVE & GOWLAND SCORES 7

By "Lead"

Gowland had a comic game against Meadows in the P.O.C.-K.C.C. match at Stanley in Second Division as although he scored at only eight ends, and at one stage was 5-18 down, he got to within one shot of his opponent's score.

Meadows was having matters very much his own way until the 13th, when Gowland scored one of the most curious sevens we are likely to have for a long time.

I am told that when the final count was taken, the Prison Officers had their seven alright—there was no argument about that—but the three did not have to indulge in any higher mathematics in arriving at this result as the only K.C.C. woods alive were one of Curtiss's, which was very, very short, and couple of Meadows—the remainder were in the dykel.

The K.C.C. rink, did not deserve to win by more than one shot although they had most of the scoring. Bowden was right off form and Mulcahy, playing in his first game since his return from leave, found difficulty in keeping his woods on his own rink although he did play some brilliant shots.

Jillott, well supported by his No. 3, down on the card as A. N. Other, had little difficulty against Steven and won by 11 shots. Mr. A. N. Other—I know his name but will keep it dark—was in great form and Steven had little chance when he went down to bowl. Jillott had much less responsibility than the K.C.C. skip and was quietly efficient all through.

The man in the Bagley-Carr match was Harrop, erstwhile Police player, who was in uncanny form at lead for the Stanley skip.

He it was who laid the foundation and with Fitzgerald and Foster having rather the better of the argument with Fabel and Overy respectively, Bagley had little to do against Carr but consolidate, which he usually did pretty successfully.

Kew Decides Matters

With Kew always a long way ahead of J. A. Remedios, Kowloon Tong were generally chiefly concerned with the number of points they would be able to score against Recreio.

At the tea-interval Stephens was a couple or so up on Jocky Soares and Howard was five down to O. P. Remedios so whether or not Kew carried the side through to an aggregate win, Kowloon Tong had every chance of dropping a couple of points down the sink.

After tea Stephens went away with a rush and was soon in a virtually unassailable position but Howard was having a tough time of it. With two heads to go he was no fewer than five down, but he fought hard and a four at the last end gave him a very creditable tie.

There was an unusual incident after this last head of Howard's. Kowloon Tong were conceded three without argument and secured the fourth on a measure. Relieved at having tied, however, Castro, the home No. 3, grabbed the jack—and thus did his rink out of a chance of winning as there was another Kowloon Tong wood that might have counted and was certainly worth a measure!

J. A. Remedios, with three comparative novices for his front men, had little chance against Kew, who touched his best form this season and could do nothing wrong. Kew was well-supported by Tang but his other two men were just ordinary. Remedios put up a great fight off his own bat but, although he saved frequently, he could not stem the other side's run of success.

Teddy Castro was Howard's greatest help and Howard himself rose to the occasion when necessary. The other rink were all steady with O. P. Remedios continually doing his stuff when the opposition were lying.

Stephens and his front men took some time to settle down against Soares but having got ahead there was no stopping them. The Kowloon Tong rink all played well on occasion with Stephens himself playing some brilliant shots. Beltrao did some useful work for Soares and invariably had one right on the kitty, while Xavier and Soares

also did well, although they fell away somewhat in the later stages.

Lock's Big Win

A comfortable win by Tommy Lock was the deciding factor of the C.C.C.-B.K.F.C. match.

Bronbridge, selected for Lock's rink, had not made an appearance by 4 o'clock and "Sky" Kerrison was pressed into service at No. 2 and played quite a useful game, especially with his heavy ones. Gaddi had an even struggle with Howell, but Graver had the better of A. A. Razack, who could not find his touch. Gill did not always have the best of luck and most of Lock's efforts came off so it is not surprising that the Craigen-gower rink won.

Medina's rink, with J. H. Xavier back at lead, pulled together very well and had a close tussle with Macfarlane in a low-scoring match which was tied at 16—all. There was little to choose between the two sides.

Randall had a bit of luck against Pearce and with Ward playing some useful woods, won by three. Brooks-bank was the outstanding man for the Footballers and gave his skip splendid support.

Melrose Shines

Kowloon Footballers had a surprisingly easy win over Talkoo, despite the fact that the latter team were playing at home.

Field had everything his own way against Watson, whose rink could not get going. The K.F.C. skip received good support from young Lapsley, at lead, and Vic Chittenden, while Ogley, in his first match, played a very useful game.

With Melrose in marvellous form and getting all the support he wanted from his front men, Talkoo, in this encounter, completely outplayed the Footballers.

Simpson did not get much help from Downman or Fergusson, but Dand was steady.

Although Chalmers lost by 10 shots to Youngusband, the score is no indication of the closeness of the tussle. Not until the Footballers got their heads in front at the 15th with 17-10 did they ever feel reasonably safe. The Talkoo men all played well enough but the experience throughout Youngusband's rink carried the day.

THIRD DIVISION

RECREIO NOVICES DO WELL

By "Lead"

With at least six newcomers in the side, Recreio were not expected to beat Police in Third Division but the performances of the rookies augurs well for future games and though some were apparently affected by stage fright in their first League game, it was evident that they will quickly improve.

P. d'Almeida and E. Cunha were the best of the newcomers and the assistance they gave their skip undoubtedly helped Recreio to obtain the only point of the game. M. A. Carvalho, who formerly played as a No. 3 for (Questions on Page 14)

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

Water-Polo Competitions Will Start Next Month

Entries To Close Next Friday Big Athletic Meet On Sunday

By "Squaddy"

THE Large and Small Units water-polo competitions will commence at the beginning of next month and all entries for these competitions should reach the Secretary for water-polo, Lieut. Millar, Royal Scots, before next Friday.

The draws for water-polo will be conducted at the Queen's Road Swimming Baths, Victoria Barracks, on May 24 at 11 a.m. by representatives of all Units competing.

This year the points for these competitions will not count towards the aggregate swimming cup as has been the case in previous seasons.

The Water Polo League, which is being run by the European Y.M.C.A., will enable large and small units to get in good trim, and some exciting games are promised.

In its first try-out of the season, a team representing the Army were well beaten in the 200 yards swimming relay at the Y.M.C.A. gala held at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday. This I am sure was not the strongest team which can be produced from Army, although I know how hard it is to get the swimmers together for practice, but anyone who is keen on swimming and has been chosen for trials, should turn up at the baths for these trials.

ATHLETICS

AT Caroline Hill on Sunday a very interesting athletic meet should be witnessed between Army and the Chinese in the first contest of its kind to be held in the Colony.

If this meeting is a success, it will be held annually and a Cup presented by a well-known local business man put up for competition.

It is anticipated that a large number of University students will attend as they are supplying most of the competitors. The track events should be most

exciting as both teams are well up in these events, but the Army appears to have the advantage in field events.

Pte. Lever, who threw the javelin 173ft. 11 3/4ins. last week, and Capt. Skipwith, Royal Artillery, who throws well over the 160 mark, should easily win this event.

Lever's best throw in the Colony was made last year, when he cleared 177ft 7 1/2ins.

It is also interesting to note that Capt. Skipwith was winner of the javelin event at the Army Sports at "Home" a few years ago, although he did not break the record. Last year he threw over 190 ft but this was a no-throw, as he was about nine inches over the line.

I understand that L/Cpl Heather of Middlesex, a middle-distance runner, has been ordered to refrain from any further running by his Medical Officer. He will be a great loss to his battalion as he is reckoned to be one of the best half-milers in the Colony.

BOXING

IT has been decided to erect a new boxing ring for the Garrison on the site of the old ring at Murray Barracks for the Area Boxing competitions next season.

There have been suggestions that the old ring be sold to the Combined Small Units to be erected in their Barracks for training purposes.

REFEREES

THE following have been appointed for the Army F. A. Referees Sub-Committee, Hong

GRAPHIC GOLF



RAISING THE BALL

By BEST BALL

Hit down on the ball to bring it up. Sounds a bit haywire perhaps but it's just the tonic needed to raise the ball which is lying badly. Thus not only goes for the short yons but for the wood shots through the fairway. Both the brassie and spoon are lofted but when the ball is deep in the grass, the stroke must contact the ball while descending to make this loft really count.

By this method the club-head hits the ball then scrapes or takes the turf a third of an inch or so beyond. But when this is done the ball is already on its way. Don't be afraid of driving the ball right into the earth. There's little danger of that. But the thought might cause flinching and the stroke must be crisp and decisive. Don't by any means resort to scooping. Hit down and hit hard.

Next Article:—Smooth Swinging.

FRENCH BOXER BARRED FROM TRIP TO U.S.

French Sports Dictator Jean Borotra recently forbade Marcel Cerdan, French welterweight champion, from sailing to New York, where he was booked for several matches.

Simultaneously, the International Boxing Union ordered the booking of elimination matches to pick a new welterweight champion, apparently taking Cerdan's crown without even waiting for him to be beaten. The reasons for these actions were not given. Cerdan has defeated all challengers, most of them by knockout. He is a Moroccan.—United Press.

Kong, for the 1941-42 Football season.

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Sgt W. Fraser, Royal Scots.
Pte. E. J. Emmons, R.A.S.C.
Pte. E. J. Emmons, of R.A.S.C., has applied for grading as a first-class referee. Before he was called to the Colours at the beginning of the war he was a member of the Sheffield & Hallamshire Football Association, and was graded as a grade-11 referee.

THIRD DIVISIONS

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the Second Division team, did well and was only in arrears for a short period.

Alarcon on the whole had a sorry afternoon. He was up against a strong rink and with the exception of Mendonca, his No. 3, his front men did not give him much support, although Campos and Lopes sent down good woods at times.

Times out of number Alarcon found the shot against him and often there were many and he was continually forced to give his best to save. He did save a lot during the afternoon but the opposition were bowling consistently well.

It was only a four at the last head which gave Alken a five-shot win over Yvanovich. The game was even throughout and there was never very much difference in the score. Recreio led from the start and at the 11th were 9-11. Scoring was on the low side after that until the last end.

Here too much depended on the skip and No. 3, but both Pinna and C. A. Marques did as well as could be expected.

Sufflad's Useful Shot

To A. G. Sufflad must go the credit for the I.R.C. victory over Football Club in Third Division, which was not decided until the last head of the match had been completed.

S. M. Rumjahn finished up with a 10-shot majority over Peter Morgan and Wahab went down to J. Russell by four.

Madar was four behind in his game with Needham at the 18th and a couple of singletons by the Football Club brought the aggregate scores level when the rinks started on the last head of the match. Madar and his men had been bowling quite well until the Football Club decided to adopt the short head policy. Then the Indians could do nothing right.

When Bickford sent the jack down to open the last head, however, he failed to pass the flag and that gave the Indians the chance they were looking for—a full head.

Nothing sensational happened until Syd Strange drew the shot with his first wood. It was in such a position that a win for the Football Club seemed certain. It was at this stage that Sufflad sent down a perfect wood to trail the jack for the counter—the match-winning shot! Needham attempted to drive but failed and the Indians won by the narrowest possible margin!

S. M. Rumjahn had consistent support from his front men in the early stages and they led 28-10 at the 16th. Thereafter Morgan had a good spell and the final score was 28-18. A. R. Kitchell, as No. 1 for Rumjahn, was very consistent.

Russell and his men were always a shade better than Wahab's four. Experience, I think, was the secret of their four-shot win but it was nevertheless a good game and all credit must go to the I.R.C. skip for keeping the margin so low as Russell was bowling uncommonly well.

Ladd Fortunate

With Smalley and Oden winning by big margins, Kowloon Footballers were not given much to worry about in their match against Craighower.

Ladd was fortunate to catch Ben Evans on an off day but the K.F.C. skip apart, it was not so much the superior bowling of the Hong Kong players that enabled them to win 25-10, as the fact that they had any luck that was going.

Neither Coelho nor Pau received very much support from their front men and they were never in the picture against Oden and Smalley, respectively.

Hong Kong Electric were beaten on all rinks by Cricket Club in their first game of the season.

The usual difficulty of keeping a side together is again confronting the Electricians, while few players can find time to get in practice.

Owens played very well as lead to A. F. Paul while Stonehouse a newcomer, did his share. The game was evenly contested though the H.K.C.C. skip generally had the edge. Paul struck a bad patch at the 9th and did not score for the next five heads, but he finished strongly when he scored eight shots on the last six heads to lose by only four shots.

After being close on the heels of Nassim till the 20th de Rome conceded a five and though he registered a three at the last end, lost by 6 shots.

Gahagan made his debut as a skip and did well to hold Abraham. Apart from a five at the 10th by the H.K.C.C., rinks scoring was even.

It is learned that George Duncan, the H.K.F.C. player, will not be returning to the Colony.

It was inadvertently reported over the week-end that Carlos Silva, of "Recreio A", scored a seven at the 7th end. Actually Silva's count at that end was six.



BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for to-morrow:—

C.S.C.C.

First Division (v. Recreio "B", Home)
E. Purvis, T. Seddon, W. Burling and C. Strange (Skip).
J. Gellately, E. Kirmon, V. Ebbage and M. Rakusen (Skip).
D. Crawley, J. Carr, J. Hempsey and J. McGowan (Skip).
Reserves:—A. Sheppard and W. Collidge.

H.K.F.C.

Second Division (v. H.K.C.C., Home) (Friendly)
A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. C. Field (Skip).
W. Nuef, A. E. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip).
T. Fergusson, A. A. Dand, C. Dowman and W. Simpson (Skip).
Third Division (v. K.B.G.C., Away)
B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and D. D. Evans (Skip).
B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip).
G. E. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. MacIntyre and R. Ogden (Skip).
Reserves:—W. C. Ogley, J. Gibson, I. Bones and L. A. Mullett.

C.C.C.

First Division (v. K.C.C., Home)
J. W. Leonard, N. P. Karanjia, A. E. Condes and D. W. Bradbury (Skip).
A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basu and U. M. Omar (Skip).
Y. A. Razack, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosselet (Skip).
Second Division (v. Tālkoo R.C., Away)
A. A. Razack, A. Kitchell, E. Zimmern and T. L. Lock (Skip).
J. H. Xavier, L. E. Lammert, L. C. R. Souza and M. J. Medina (Skip).
S. R. Solina, H. G. Forman, W. Ward and H. W. Randall (Skip).
Third Division (v. Indian R.C., Home)
W. E. Broadbridge, A. E. S. Alves, Dr. C. W. Lam and G. S. Ladd (Skip).
L. M. Roza, M. A. Baptista, F. K. Modi and A. J. Coelho (Skip).
F. Lee, E. S. Franks, D. A. Rozario and L. Gaddi (Skip).
One Rink Friendly (v. K.C.C., Away)
R. K. Pavri, Li Sul-wing, W. J. Curd and V. A. Henson (Skip).

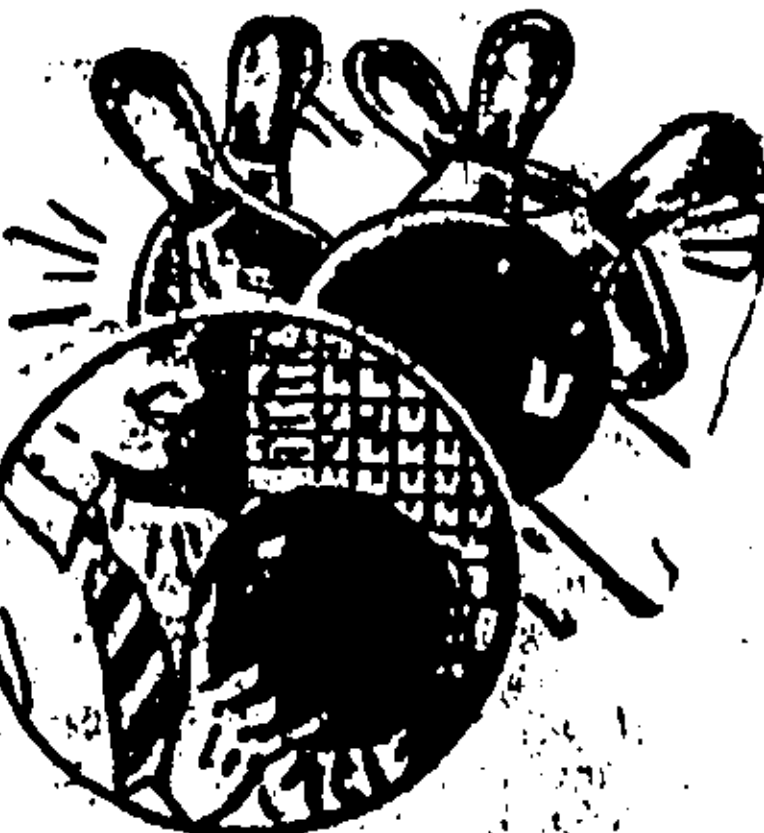
An enjoyable and somewhat novel game was played at Kowloon Tong on Sunday, when "Hope" Kew's Kowloon Tong rink beat Joe Fraser's rink by 34-8. Positions were changed after every five ends, result being that all the players in both rinks played in every position. Kew's rink was A. Madar, Teddy Castro, J. L. Stephens and Kew; Fraser's was Steven, Sherriff, T. W. Carr and Fraser.

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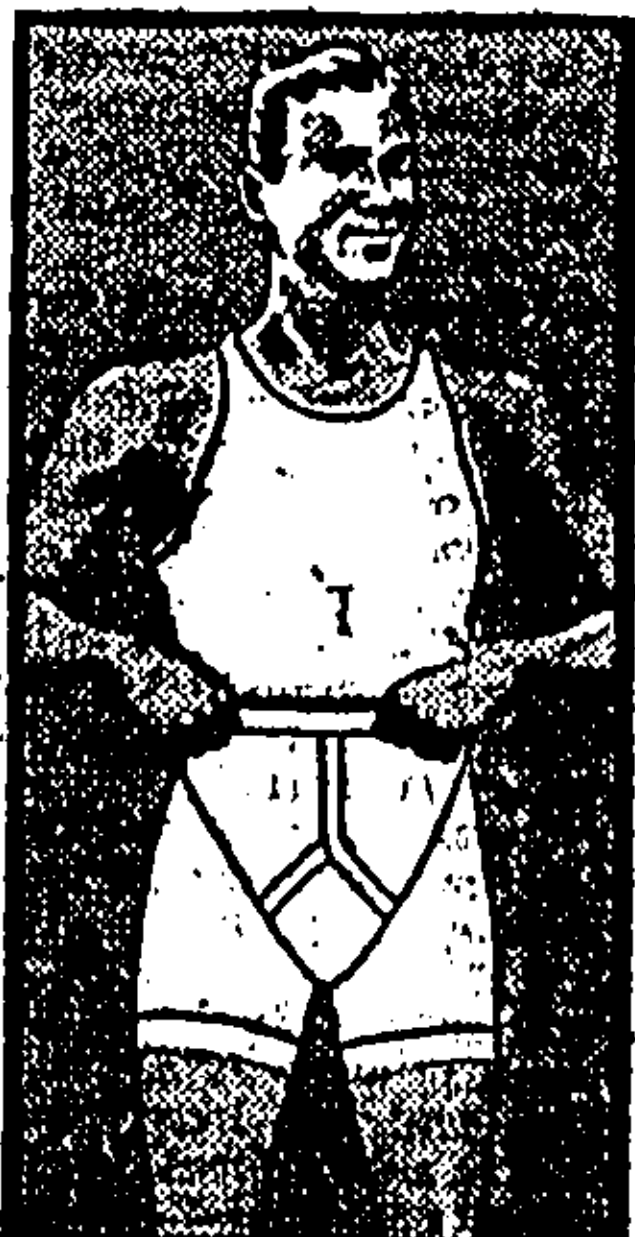


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BRYN JONES AGAIN IN THE NEWS

In the days when we thought such things important, one of four footballing brothers, name of Jones, was transferred from Wolverhampton Wanderers to the then Bank of England team (Arsenal) for a trifle of £14,000, writes a home correspondent.

Call it Allison's folly, or a master stroke of Soccer economics, as you fancy, but the immediate result was the rocketing of a sensitive player on to the front page of every British and most American newspapers.

Bryn blinked uneasily in the spotlight—and never once played a £14,000 game for his Arsenal masters.

Back To The Valleys

The blaze of publicity in which some players, say Alex James, would have thrived shadowed the career of the highly-strung Welshman.

Came the war, and Bryn, folding his tent, slipped silently into the welcome obscurity of the old home town—Merthyr.

The £14,000 star went through a period at Cardiff, but it was on the lovely turf of his old club, Aberaman, where he learned his art, that Bryn recaptured it and now weekly entertains his boyhood pals for something less than he earned in bonus money at Highbury.

Bryn Jones is himself again, and the big-time Soccer siren will beckon in vain for rich material for the psychologist.

But £14,000 footballers, even with a war on, cannot for ever escape the headlines. Bryn is news again.

Hobson's Choice For Arsenal

Arsenal, troubled over possible war investment, asked that Aber-

FRED PERRY TO MARRY AGAIN

Although nothing has been announced officially, close friends of Fred Perry, England's famous tennis player who is now a professional at the Mexico City Country Club, are saying that he will marry Sandra Dreux, a model from Dallas, Texas, as soon as his divorce from the actress, Helen Vinson, becomes absolute.

Perry met Miss Dreux when she came to the Country Club to model at a dress show given by the Dallas firm of Neiman Marcus.

Miss Dreux is now wearing an engagement ring and shows no sign of returning to Dallas.

Friends say that their wedding is expected to be held as soon as possible.

man should insure Bryn for matches in the new Western League.

As only three of the clubs in the new group come under Football League control, I'm afraid Arsenal are in the painful position of either insuring a player who won't play for them or risking serious deflation of his post-war transfer value by injury.

The player, too, is hit, for he gets no compensation if his football career is broken or ended by injury incurred while on duty with a club outside the scope of the League's insurance scheme.

Altogether one of those unsolvable problems which follow in the grim wake of war.

Played For R.A.F.

Meanwhile, Bryn Jones has had the unusual experience of playing as a civilian in one or two R.A.F. friendly games in his home area.

Which possibly explains how the story got started that Bryn was being moved to a North-country R.A.F. station and led to hopeful inquiries by Manchester City.

During my Welsh itinerary I heard colourful stories of a wonder wing half-back Bryn is schooling at Aberaman, but as you can't keep the scouts from scouting in the valleys—an unsuspected case of art for art's sake—I guess this isn't exactly news.

WHILE NOBODY in Great Britain will agree with W. T. Tilden that amateur and International tennis will not recover after the war, there are many who believe that it will take longer to get back to normal if junior talent is not encouraged says a Home correspondent.

Compared with other sports very little has been done in this respect and, not unnaturally, the enthusiasts are asking why not? It is pointed out that the ruling body should do more than issue a statement requesting clubs to encourage junior talent. What is wanted is for the Lawn Tennis Association to spend some of their many thousands of pounds, which amateur tennis has helped to put into their coffers, and to do something more concrete than placing the responsibility with clubs.

Quite a number of clubs do not possess the finances to promote tournaments, although they would be quite willing to make very satisfactory arrangements if they had the wherewithal.

Club Is Doomed

There is the case of one club which is in serious danger of having to close down. A few pounds would allow them to carry on and, perhaps, play a part in keeping a standard of tennis that will help in the post-war comeback. But, although during their existence they have paid a good few pounds to the Lawn Tennis Association, neither that body nor the country association can make any advance to save this club from closing down.

Of course the L.T.A. have an answer and, to them, a satisfactory one. They cannot very well assist one club without dozens of others probably expecting the same treatment. If this were given the cash in hand would vanish very quickly. There must be a way, however, of considering every case in detail and treating them according to their merits. At the moment the Association has quite a large sum out in loans to clubs, who have been granted a moratorium until after the war.

Meanwhile the L.T.A. have vacated their old time offices, the lease of which has expired, but work goes on at a private residence and an executive committee, to deal with any war-time questions, meets once a month. Their first question at a next meeting should be connected with a nationwide move to give junior players a chance this Summer.

A war-time "Wimbledon" cannot be expected, but there could be some sort of junior championship, with district qualifying tournaments throughout the country.

Coaching—and there must be many admirable teachers longing for an opportunity to lead the young footsteps along the right track—is another point which might be considered. Clubs cannot afford to engage coaches; the L.T.A. could spend a few pounds in a far more wasteful manner. Opportunities for youngsters are given in several other sports, why not in lawn tennis?



ARMSTRONG'S NEW VOCATION

These old champs get around. Jack Dempsey has got a job as sports editor and Henry Armstrong joins a dance band; writes a correspondent from London.

And Homicide Hank, who married a preacher's daughter, told me on the Queen Mary his life ambition was to finish up in Medicine or the Church.

He tried to make his dimes as pin boy in a skittle alley pay his medical student's fees, but it didn't add up right, so he walked the sleepers with a railroad gang, instead of walking the wards.

JUNIOR TALENT IN TENNIS NEEDS HELPING

TENNIS HANDBOOK READY

The League Tennis handbooks are now out of the hands of the printers and are in the course of being forwarded to the tennis conveners of the various clubs.

The League will start on Monday, with the first batch of First Division fixtures, Second Division, Third Division and Fourth Division matches will be played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, respectively, as hitherto.

There is one error in the handbook which concerns next week's fixtures. In Third Division the entry S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C. (2) should read C.C.C. v. C.R.C. (2).

Following are the fixtures for next week:—

MONDAY	
First Division	
C.R.C.	v. H.K.U.T.C.
C.D.R.	v. S.C.A.A.
H.K.C.C.	v. K.C.C.
TUESDAY	
Second Division	
C.R.C.	v. A.T.C.
K.C.C.	v. C.S.C.C.
S.C.A.A.	v. K.T.G.C.A.
WEDNESDAY	
Third Division	
C.D.R.	v. A.T.C.
C.R.C. (1)	v. K.T.G.C.A.
H.K.U.T.C.	v. K.C.C.
C.C.C.	v. C.R.C. (2)
S.C.A.A.	v. K.I.T.C.
THURSDAY	
Fourth Division	
A.T.C.	v. P.O.R.C. (1)
C.B.A.	v. J.R.C.
I.R.C.	v. Filipino Club
K.I.T.C.	v. S.C.A.A.
C.R.C.	v. C.C.C.

MANNING ON DOGS

There are round about three million dogs in this country. About 6,000 of them are track greyhounds. Average one in every 500, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

Those who will slug dog racing anyway should keep this proportion in mind when, as they mean to shortly, they raise their shout about tons of good food being squandered in the kennels.

The day when the dog champion's diet was fillet steak, chicken pie, and fresh eggs has long passed.

A fair estimate of the food bill is five shillings a week—and this on foodstuffs not fit for human consumption.

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HESS FLIGHT MAY SPEED NEW BLITZKRIEG

Hitler's Menacing Mass On Soviet Frontiers

Spain And Turkey In Peril With Vichy Holding Key

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE FLIGHT OF Rudolf Hess to Britain is undoubtedly an event of first-rate importance and will have definitely favourable reactions on Britain's war effort, but whatever may be the real cause of his flight, it will not have an effect on events which are immediately pending.

Hitler's plans for the coming campaign will not be altered or delayed; on the contrary, the flight of Hess is quite likely to hasten its execution, for Hitler may well feel the necessity for giving Germany something else to think about and to achieve a fresh triumph to hearten them.

Within a month, as I see the situation, Hitler will invade Spain, with or without France's consent.

Two Shot Down

It is learned in London that two enemy aircraft were shot down by British fighters yesterday.

It is now known that one enemy aircraft was destroyed off the coast on Wednesday night. Reuter.

besiege Gibraltar and attempt to seize the Atlantic ports of Spain and Portugal.

There will be a threat, with perhaps 80 divisions which are standing ready, on Russia.

If Hitler can possibly do it his forces in Libya will be reinforced and the attack on Egypt pressed while attacks on Turkey and Syria are also under way.

Grave Decision

It will be seen how much these plans centre round Vichy and France to an even greater extent than they do round Russia.

This fact will force grave decisions on the British War Council and equally on General de Gaulle.

Mr. Churchill displayed some resentment in a debate recently when charges of fighting a kid glove war were made. Now he must give proof that Britain is not going to fight such a war.

Meanwhile British strategy should be directed to meeting Nazi threats, not on the continent of Europe, as has been the case up to date, where the Germans can bring overwhelming forces, but in Africa and in Asia, where the British Empire can redress the balance of numbers and even swing it to the Allied side.—Reuter.

Rome Threat

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") WHILE THE ENTIRE FASCIST PRESS CHARGED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WITH PLANNING A WORLD ANGLO-SAXON FEDERATION, AUTHORITATIVE AXIS QUARTERS IN ROME DISCLOSED THAT ITALY AND GERMANY ARE PLANNING TO FORTIFY THE SOUTH ATLANTIC SHORES OF EUROPE AND AFRICA AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF UNITED STATES INTERVENTION IN THE WAR.

They said this "defence" preparation may be taken in conjunction with "a sweeping co-ordination of Axis strength, military, economic and political, planned for the next few weeks."—International News Service.

NAZI 'PLANES LAND IN SYRIA

(Continued from Page 1) Mr. Eden: "I should like to have notice of that but there is certainly force in Mr. Cook's suggestion."

Sir Henry Morris Jones (Liberal National) asked whether a warning was given to the Vichy Government.

Mr. Eden: "The Vichy Government was fully aware of our attitude in this matter, indeed their own undertaking is sufficient indication of their obligations."

In reply to a query whether the U.S. Government had been fully informed of this development, Mr. Eden said "Yes, certainly."—Reuter.

Slight Activity In Air

There was some activity by enemy aircraft in coastal areas yesterday, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

Bombs were dropped at several points but little damage and no casualties are reported.

One enemy bomber was shot down by our fighters over Britain, while it is now known that an enemy aircraft was destroyed off the South Coast on Wednesday night.

London on Wednesday night was quiet without an alert, and up to early on Thursday no reports of raids in any other part of the country had come in.

Presumably bad weather conditions on the Continent restricted German air activity to small excursions around the British shores.

A few planes are believed to have crossed the coast at one or two points but no bombs were

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Amba Alagi is now practically encircled by Indian, British, South African, Sudanese and Abyssinian troops, and its fall can only be a matter of days, states a cable received in Simla yesterday from the Indian Army official eye-witness in Abyssinia.

The Indian troops, veterans of Keren, executed a brilliant night operation against the enemy flank. Under cover of darkness the Indians succeeded in silently occupying a ridge in the enemy's rear without arousing suspicion.

They pushed on until they bumped into an enemy patrol and later contacted a strong force of Italians. In the fighting which followed, seven Italian officers and 100 other ranks were taken prisoner.

The Duke of Aosta, ex-avant Viceroy of Abyssinia, and General Frusci, G.O.C. the remainder of the Italian army in East Africa, who hurriedly escaped from Asmara, are believed to have their headquarters on an 11,000-foot height at Amba Alagi.

The height has been heavily plastered by artillery.—Reuter.

MORE TROOPS ARRIVE IN AZORES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

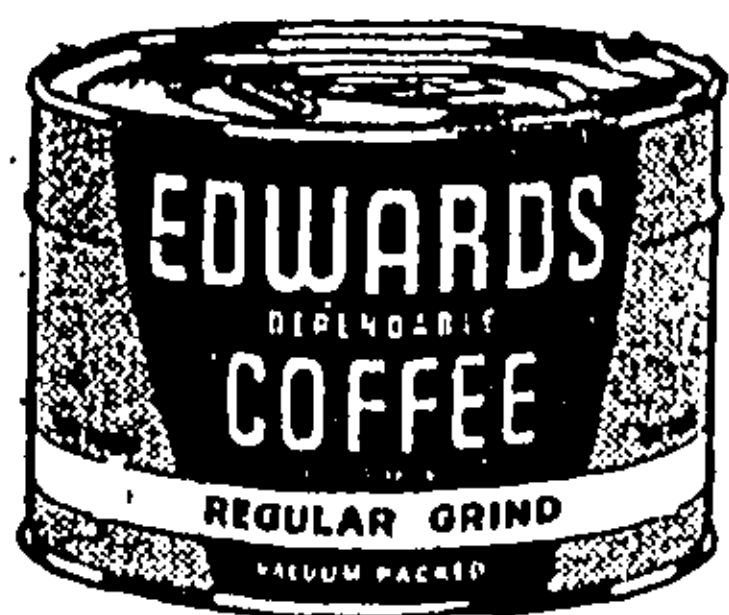
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ALL FRENCH SHIPS IN U.S. BOARDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The United States Coastguard yesterday boarded all French ships in U.S. harbours.

First ship boarded was the freighter "Alencon," in Oakland, Cal., on board which a 24-hour watch has been ordered to prevent sabotage. — International News Service.

Nazi 'Planes Disguised As French

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS UNCONFIRMEDLY REPORTED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT THAT BRITISH BOMBERS HAVE ALREADY STARTED ATTACKING THE GERMAN AIR BASES IN SYRIA, WHICH HAS BEEN DECREED ENEMY TERRITORY.

For the first time in the war British 'planes have gone into action over Syria, opening a counter-drive to prevent the territory becoming a corridor for a German attack on Iraq and Suez.

It is officially stated that German troop-transporters have landed at at least three Syrian aerodromes with military and civilian agents despatched to Iraq with the alleged connivance of the French.

At least 30 German 'planes are disguised as French aircraft.

A British drive into Syria after air attacks is envisaged as a possibility after the Cabinet had authorised the R.A.F. to carry out "acts of war" in Syria. General Wavell has a free hand to take any measures he considers are demanded by developments in the situation.

British recognition of the French mandate is expected to be withdrawn on the grounds that France is not a member of the League of Nations. — International News Service.

And No Question Wanted

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Marshal Petain's broadcast to the French nation yesterday, in which he announced personal approval of the results of the Franco-German negotiations, could virtually be condensed to one sentence—"Follow me without question."

Marshal Petain declared: "As Frenchmen you ought to follow me without question along the road of France's honour and national interest."

"IF IN DISCIPLINE, WE ARE ABLE TO CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS SUCCESSFULLY THEN FRANCE WILL BE ABLE TO OVERCOME HER DEFEAT."

Marshal Petain gave no clue of the exact nature of the agreement reached with Germany. — International News Service.

NEW U.S. BATTLESHIP IN COMMISSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The 35,000-ton U.S. battleship "Washington" was commissioned at Philadelphia yesterday. She will join her sister-ship, "North Carolina," as the mightiest warships afloat. — International News Service.

Soviet Policy In China

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The reopening of the Soviet consulate-general in Shanghai is expected as local U.S.S.R. consular business was returned to the Soviet authorities by the Norwegian consulate-general.

The administration of Soviet affairs in Shanghai was entrusted to the Norwegians when Soviet consulates were closed down in occupied China on November 19, 1939.

It is rumoured that M.

SEIZURE OF AXIS SHIPPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

After the Senate approval of the Ship Seizure Bill the U.S. Maritime Commission has started the machinery to requisition 84 foreign ships in U.S. waters.

The Senate rejection of an amendment forbidding the transfer of 30 Italian and German ships to Britain was decided by a vote of 43 to 38.

The Maritime Commission is now preparing legal steps for the requisitioning, in view of the virtual certainty that the measure will become law in a few days.

Differences between the Senate and House bills are expected to be adjusted quickly to expedite the sending of the measure to the White House.

Non-interventionists continue to reiterate the opinion that the Bill is "provocative of war." — International News Service.

Constantin Smetanin, Charge d'Affairs in Tokyo, is arriving in Shanghai soon as new Soviet consul-general.

Observers link the development with the Soviet-Japanese Friendship Pact and the withdrawal of Soviet recognition of the Norwegian Legation in Moscow.

It is held possible that Soviet consulates will also reopen in other cities in occupied China. — International News Service.

TWO NEW REASONS FOR JAPAN TO PAUSE

IT IS FELT IN Washington that Japan has been given plenty to think about by two things occurring on Wednesday — the flight of 21 Flying Fortresses to Hawaii and Mr. Eden's crisp statement of what Britain expects from Japan in China.

Concerning the latter, the "Washington Star" says Mr. Eden's blunt warning comes as a heartening indication that the policy of parallel action by Britain and the U.S. in the Far East will be vigorously maintained.

The mass flight to Hawaii is regarded as an indication that America is producing in quantity the most effective form of aircraft yet devised, the long-range bomber, and that her Pacific defence is being kept up to strength and date despite heavy shipments to Britain.

That some in Japan are thinking seriously about the future is seen in a "Hochi" editorial reported in Washington, in which this pro-Axis organ said that any advocacy of Japan entering the war to help Germany, irrespective of consequences to herself, looked like "the work of German Fifth Column."

This is regarded in Washington as a fair statement of the case.

Realisation

Further comment by the same paper appears to show that some people in Japan are beginning to realise that whatever territory in the Pacific Japan is able to grab at present it would not necessarily remain hers in the event of a German victory. — Reuter.

BERLIN'S DENIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

INFORMED CIRCLES IN BERLIN YESTERDAY DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF A RUSSIAN BROADCAST REPORTING A GERMAN - SPANISH AGREEMENT "FOR CERTAIN" GERMAN TROOP MOVEMENTS IN SPAIN. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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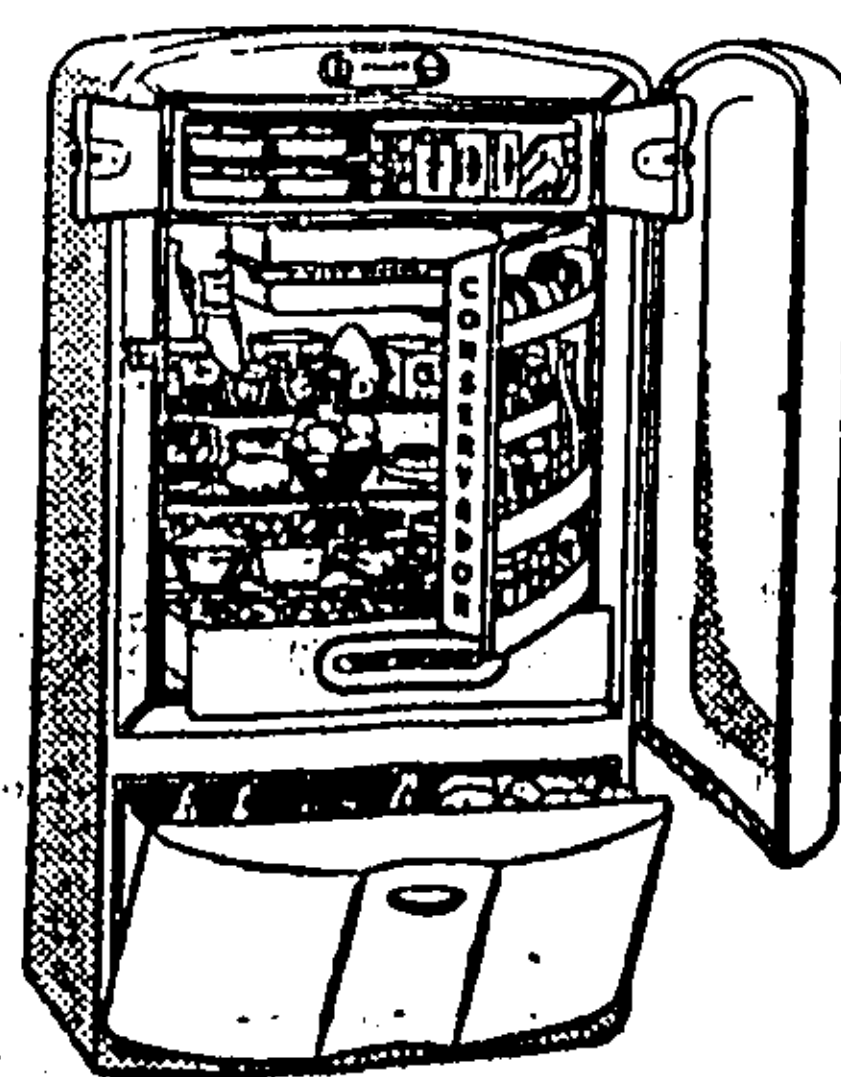
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STRAIN ON RELATIONS WITH VICHY

Effect Of Syrian Development Hard To Foresee

Free Hand Given To Gen. Wavell

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

WITH ACCEPTANCE BY THE VICHY GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN TERMS FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING, THE SPOTLIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS HAS SUDDENLY SWITCHED ON TO SYRIA.

Mr. Eden revealed in the Commons yesterday that German 'planes had already arrived at Syrian aerodromes and that General Wavell had been given a free hand to deal with the situation thus resulting.

It is a very grave development in a situation already very complicated, and its effect on British relations with Vichy cannot easily be forecast.

From the purely legal standpoint, French rights in Syria, which they hold under mandate from the League of Nations, lapsed the moment the French notified their withdrawal from the League.

Under the Covenant no nation not a member of the League can hold a mandate except in very special circumstances which have not arisen. Consequently any action taken by Britain would theoretically not be directed against the mandatory power.

The legal aspect, however, is less material than the military issues involved.

French Garrison

There is still a French garrison, variously estimated at between 30,000 and 60,000 men. A large number of these are colonial soldiers, the majority of the French troops having returned to France on the collapse of the French Government last June.

The troops who remained are not France's best men and they have been having trouble with the local population.

There have been strikes and riots in Damascus, Beyrouth and Hama, and the authorities have had to temporise in order not to precipitate trouble.

Iraq Crisis

The situation has been somewhat poisoned by the crisis in Iraq, whose Quisling Government have some sympathisers in Beyrouth and Damascus, but, taken as a whole, the population is not ill-disposed towards Britain.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NOT MANY PREPARED AERODROMES IN SYRIA, THE PLATEAU ON WHICH DAMASCUS IS SITUATED WOULD AFFORD NUMEROUS LANDING GROUNDS AND IS ALSO ADMIRABLE TERRAIN FOR MECHANISED WARFARE. — REUTER.

SOUTH AFRICA ON HESS

The South African newspapers generally agree that Hess's flight shows the existence of a crack in the Nazi facade.

The "Cape Times" asks why Hitler has not published the documents Hess is said to have left behind.

The "Rand Daily Mail" states the fact that Hess chose to be a prisoner of war in Britain, rather than go to America via Portugal, shows the flight was a protest as well as an escape.

The pro-war Afrikaans newspaper "Suidersig" says the flight is the beginning of an exodus of Nazi leaders, who fear the wrath of the misguided German people as the hour of reckoning approaches. — Reuter.

HESS IS GOOD NEWS

"Hess is good news for England. He is a sign that the enemy is more vulnerable than appears on the battlefield," declares the "New York Times."

"It is a sign that the formidable monster that terrorises Europe is still abnormal and preposterous and is marked for self-destruction."

"Whatever he is, moreover, the escape of Hess worries Hitler and must spread and deepen the doubts that eat into the secret Germany."

WILLIAM SHIRER, COLUMBIA BROADCASTER, DECLARED: "HESS FLED BECAUSE OF A VERY FUNDAMENTAL SPLIT BETWEEN THE NAZI LEADERS."

"Hess has always struck me as the most normal man in the whole Nazi party. If he wasn't, why would he be allowed to make a public speech as late as May 12?" — Reuter.

WHAT B.B.C. DINS INTO GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rudolf Hess fled because he was convinced the war's "Battle of the Marne" was lost by the Germans, according to a B.B.C. special broadcast directed to Germany.

The following were typical of B.B.C. broadcasts to Germany during yesterday:

"It is expected that Mr. Churchill will make an extensive statement about the arrival of Hess in Scotland. This statement will be based on the report of Mr. Kirkpatrick, who is still with Hess."

"It can hardly be assumed that Mr. Churchill in his statement will reveal more than a part of what Hitler's closest confidant, who is well-informed about all the plans of the German Government, has been saying."

"Hess has asked for pen and paper and is very busy making notes." — International News Service.

"MANHATTAN" TO BE TRANSPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The U.S. Army on June 15 will take over the 24,000-ton liner Manhattan as an auxiliary transport on the San Francisco-Honolulu-Manila run.
The liner is now in dry-dock at Brooklyn for repairs after her grounding on the Florida coast in January. — International News Service.

MORE TROOPS ARRIVE IN AZORES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
A German broadcast picked up in New York states that another contingent of Portuguese troops has landed in the Azores. — International News Service.

AXIS MISSIONS ARRIVE IN IRAQ THROUGH SYRIA

A number of German 'planes with disguised markings have landed at three Syrian aerodromes, apparently en route to Iraq, it was reliably learned in Cairo yesterday.

The presence at Beyrouth of a high German personage, who is engaged in conversations with the Italian armistice commission and the French authorities, is reported by a traveller who has arrived in Cairo from Syria.

Another report received in Cairo says that a certain number of German aircraft have already arrived in Iraq, bringing propagandists, agitators and other similar Axis specialists.

Their arrival is said to have followed an urgent appeal by Raschid Ali.

Private sources in Cairo report that a certain number of Nazi aircraft recently landed at Rajak aerodrome, in Syria.

Axis Mission In Baghdad

Other information received in Cairo is that two Axis military missions are now in Baghdad, where they arrived a few days ago in planes which flew over Syrian territory.

THE ITALIAN MISSION CONSISTS OF TWO ITALIAN AIR GENERALS AND STAFF. THE GERMAN MISSION NUMBERS 15, WHO ARRIVED IN TWO AEROPLANES. — REUTER.

INTERNATIONAL TIN RESTRICTIONS

The International Tin Committee has not issued a communique after its meeting yesterday but it is understood that it drafted an agreement covering the proposed next restriction period at the beginning of January, 1942, for presentation to the signatory Governments.

Space for standard tonnage in the draft has been left blank, as the Governments have not yet decided about the matter of tonnage, which the Committee recommended some weeks ago. — Reuter.

NO CIGARETTES FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

Information having been received that the German Government has discontinued the free issue of cigarettes to British prisoners of war, the British War Office consequently has taken parallel action where German prisoners of war are concerned, it was authoritatively stated in London yesterday. — Reuter.

The War Office step does not mean, however, that parcels of tobacco and cigarettes despatched from Britain are not reaching prisoners in Germany. There is much evidence that parcels are getting through quite regularly.

Prisoners are also able to purchase cigarettes in camp canteens but obviously the quality is by no means the same. — British Wireless.

PETAIN ASKS FOR BLIND FAITH

Marshal Petain, in a broadcast speech yesterday, referred to Admiral Darlan's recent talk with Hitler in Germany.

He said: "I have approved the principles of this meeting" and added, "This new meeting will enable us to see clearly the road into the future and to continue the talks begun with the German Government."

"OPINION THAT IS APPREHENSIVE BECAUSE IT IS MISINFORMED NO LONGER MEASURES OUR CHANCES AND RISKS AND JUDGES OUR ACTIONS TO-DAY."

"The question for you Frenchmen now is to follow me without reservation along the path of honour and national interest."

"If we successfully complete the negotiations now in progress, while maintaining the strictest discipline of our public spirit, France will overcome her defeat and will be able to maintain in the world her position as a European and colonial power." — Reuter.

"Honour Forbids"

In view of Mr. Eden's revelation regarding the position in Syria it is recalled that on April 7 Marshal Petain, broadcasting an appeal for national unity, said: "Honour forbids us to take any action against our former allies."

"But the integrity of the country demands that sources of our vital supplies should be preserved. It is against these needs that dissident propagandists are daily in revolt."

"The blood of Frenchmen has already flowed in fratricidal fighting. That is enough." — British Wireless.

TURKISH PRESIDENT RECEIVES IRAQ DELEGATE

PRESIDENT INEUNU of Turkey yesterday gave an interview to the Iraq Minister of War and the Iraq Minister at Ankara, states Ankara radio.

Earlier in the afternoon the President had received the Greek Minister and the German Ambassador at the Presidential Palace.

It is generally believed that von Papen, when he saw the President, in addition to delivering Hitler's "friendly message," particularly stressed German "friendliness" towards Turkey—the line which, it is understood, he took up at the Foreign Office on Wednesday.

It is stated that von Papen placed no demands and asked nothing of Turkey but stressed the friendly relations between the two countries, since they were allies in the last war, and undoubtedly told the Turks Germany was willing to trade on a larger scale.

Honeyed Words

In accordance with normal diplomatic procedure it is expected that President Ineunu will instruct the Turkish Ambassador to thank Hitler for his message.

but even von Papen must realise that the Turks cannot be lulled into a sense of false security with honeyed words.

The Turks are continuing to take all necessary measures to safeguard their independence, including the weeding out of any likely Fifth Columnists. — Reuter.

ANCHORED IN PROHIBITED AREA

Nine junk masters were before Commander T. C. Stiff this morning charged with anchoring their boats in Tytam Bay.

All defendants said that they did not know they were in a prohibited area.

A fine of \$15 or 14 days imprisonment was imposed on each.

EDEN VISIT TO HESS HOSPITAL SANCTUARY

Hush-Hush Attitude Still Adopted

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, HAS MET AND TALKED WITH RUDOLF HESS, IT WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY AT THE SECRET HOSPITAL SANCTUARY WHERE HESS IS BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO. THE REPORT IS UNCONFIRMED BUT HOSPITAL ATTACHES WOULD NOT DENY IT.

While the whole world continued to wonder about Hess's fantastic flight and the motives behind it, Hess is confined to bed and is brooding over his own ultimate fate.

According to doctors his ankle injury is painful but not serious. Hess is able to walk but so far has not responded to the cajoling of his medical staff, who are trying to get him to exercise.

One authority said that Hess is "finicky with his food and dislikes red meat and alcohol."

The prisoner listens to B.B.C. newscasts, largely concerned with himself, and according to hospital attaches, who tremble every time they speak, he reads English newspapers and Agatha Christie thrillers.

Scotland Yard detectives and members of the Yard's Political Branch are quartered near the hospital, where members of the staff formerly mingled with newspapermen with the utmost freedom.

A clammy silence now reigns there, broken only by furtive whisperings.

It is understood that this "conspiracy of silence" was ordered directly from 10, Downing Street, so whatever secrets Hess may have divulged still are secrets known only to Mr. Churchill, Mr. Eden and Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Meanwhile, German propaganda is still trying to convince the world that Hess flew to Britain on a peace mission.

"Truthful Joe"

Yesterday Goebbels' department put out a warning that powerful new Axis military smashes within the next few weeks would clearly prove Hess flew to Britain to start a peace drive as "the only way to avoid the destruction of the British Empire."

The Germans still allege that documents Hess left behind showed he planned to talk with the Duke of Hamilton, inspire action by "the anti-Churchill clique" and then fly back to the Reich within two days.

Hess felt himself a "Messiah," says Berlin, "and had an absurd idea he could fly back to Germany when he had fulfilled his mission of rapprochement."

In A Few Weeks

Nazi propaganda trumpets: "The British jubilation will be short lived when they discover Hess's true intentions. We believe that in a few weeks England will have things to occupy herself other than Hess."

It was semi-officially claimed in Berlin that Hess will not be able to give the British any concrete military information.

Hess was not informed about Reich military plans which are available only to a very small circle. But he did know enough to come to the conclusion that the war would end in the destruction of England. — International News Service.

SENATE ISOLATIONISTS DEFEATED

The U.S. Senate yesterday defeated an isolationist effort to veto the transfer of shipping from one belligerent to another, despite arguments that such transfers would be "needless provocative acts of war."

It will be recalled that the House defeated a similar amendment on May 7. — Reuter.

Britain's War Losses

Authentic figures of British casualties on the Western Front and in Norway, were given by a Government spokesman in the Commons yesterday.

Total troops sent to France up to June, 1940, were 437,000. Of these 384,000 were brought away and 40,000 were left as prisoners of war.

Corresponding figures for Norway were 23,800 troops sent, 22,600 brought away and 95 left as prisoners. — Reuter.

S.M.C. PROTESTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Jack Liddell, new British Chairman of the Provisional Shanghai Council, delivered his first protest to the local Chinese administration after a bare month in office when he wrote to Mayor Chen Kung-po regarding the shooting affray between S.M.P. officers and Wang Ching-wei police and armed guards on Tuesday.

Mr. Liddell asked the Mayor's men to comply with the requests of S.M.P. officers in the Settlement. — International News Service.

PUTTING IDEAS INTO HEADS OF THE GERMANS

THE B.B.C. HAVE BEEN broadcasting at frequent intervals to Germany about Rudolf Hess, in connection with whom the Prime Minister stated in the Commons: "I shall take the first opportunity of giving authentic news regarding Hess and the Duke of Hamilton but in selection of the opportunity I shall be guided by the public interest."

In one broadcast yesterday the speaker said: "I want to discuss what Dr. Goebbels would like you to think about the Hess incident."

"Five days after Hess left Augsburg, Goebbels released his version. His experts have taken their time in dealing with the letters Hess left behind."

"I wonder if you find it as difficult as I do to believe he flew to England out of mad sympathy for the British people."

"We agree with German propagandists that Hess wants peace for the German people. We agree he possesses secret information but is it not possible his concern is for the German and not for the English people?"

Is It Not Possible?

"Is it not possible that his secret information is about such matters as Balkan casualties, the state of Kiel and Hamburg and the fate of Prien, Kretschner and Schepke

(lost U-boat aces) and their unnamed colleagues?"

"May not he know more about America than some of his colleagues who have never been abroad?"

"I leave it to you to decide whether it was a very sane concern for the German people or a very mad sympathy for England that drove him to take this step."

"Perhaps, after all, we have found out why Goebbels is so anxious to prove his comrade mad."

"Hess must know a lot about the Doctor and his other colleagues. It was his job to do so."

"And now he is sitting talking freely and writing. It will be very dangerous for Goebbels and his colleagues if Hess is sane after all." — British Wireless.

DUKE OF HAMILTON AUTHORISED TO SEE HESS

THE DUKE OF HAMILTON saw Rudolf Hess within 48 hours of his parachute descent in Scotland, it was revealed in London yesterday.

The Duke was on duty at an R.A.F. aerodrome when, on official instructions, he flew to Glasgow and met Hess in the presence of representatives of both the Intelligence Service and the Foreign Office.

Thereafter the Duke returned to his duties.

Hess is stated to be in an isolated room with an officer in attendance and guards nearby. His condition is said to be improving rapidly.

Meanwhile, Hess's plane is to be on show in Trafalgar Square as part of London's War Weapons Week during which it is hoped to raise at least half of the total subscribed by all provincial towns.

TO-NIGHT, THE PLANE WILL BE HOUSED IN ONE OF LONDON'S MOST HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND TO-MORROW MORNING IT WILL HEAD A PROCESSION OF NATIONAL SAVINGS CARTS AND MOBILE

CINEMA VANS ON "CONSTITUTION HILL."

Later it will be taken to Trafalgar Square where members of the public will be able to view the plane. — Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL'S NEW SECRETARY

Mr. J. H. Martin has been appointed Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister in succession to Mr. Eric Seal, who has been released for special duties under the Admiralty, according to a British Wireless message from London.

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SITUATION IN IRAQ RAPIDLY BEING GOT UNDER CONTROL

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Cairo)

"THE SITUATION IN IRAQ IS RAPIDLY BEING GOT UNDER CONTROL," STATED A BRITISH OFFICER WHO HAS JUST FLOWN BACK FROM HABBANIYAH IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH REUTER YESTERDAY MORNING.

The officer continued: "The R.A.F., cooperating with the British Imperial forces, have now put out of action the Iraqi air force without having to use very devastating methods.

"The Iraqi army in isolated sections showed a spirited offensive spirit but in the main it was unprepared for major engagements and as soon as it was up against it, it surrendered in large numbers.

"The rising was entirely influenced by the Nazi propaganda machine pouring mistruths into the ears of Iraqis—Baghdad radio spewing forth lies all day trying to invoke hatred of Britishers in the Near East.

"Evidence of methods employed by the Germans is furnished by the fact that Raschid Ali paid four Iraqi generals £100 each, cash down, to lead the revolt.

Dropping Pamphlets

"The British tried every means to stop the revolt peacefully. I myself flew down the Euphrates Valley dropping pamphlets but I was fired on by isolated batches of rebels with machine-guns.

"During the last few days I saw several unidentified aircraft flying over Iraq, probably German. They all sheered off most quickly on the approach of our aircraft.

"The Iraqis are tough soldiers but easily influenced, and with the arrival of reinforcements from India, the position is rapidly easing."

Nazi 'Planes

The officer confirmed reports of the arrival of a number of Nazi planes at Syrian airfields.

The British Imperial forces, he said, were established in the Near East and confident they were able to handle the situation.—Reuter.

PRODIGAL YOUTH

HOW AN 18-YEAR-OLD YOUTH ENTERTAINED HIS FRIENDS WITH MONEY HE STOLE FROM A RELATIVE, IN TAKING THEM ON A CAR RIDE ROUND THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TO FREE MEALS, WAS MENTIONED BEFORE MR. D. J. N. ANDERSON AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

Accused, Chan Hing, 18, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for stealing \$800 from his sister's mother-in-law, Wong Siu, 48, widow, of No. 1050, Canton Road, on May 4.

Sergeant Ross, prosecuting, stated the victim discovered the theft at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and reported to the police. At 10 p.m. the same night, accused was arrested in Canton Road with \$339 in his possession.

Accused stated that he had lent \$139 to a friend to start a business and spent the rest entertaining friends. The friend to whom he lent money was willing to repay.

FINES FOR SPEEDING

Summoned before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for speeding, Mr. E. J. Clegg, of the Government Audit Department, and Tong Man-chuen, of No. 48, Ngau Tsim Long Road, were fined \$15 and \$40, respectively.

Mr. Clegg was alleged to have driven at 30 m.p.h. in Taipo Road on April 22, while Tong was doing 50 m.p.h. in Argyle Street on April 23.

CAUGHT WEARING STOLEN SUITS

Ching Hong, 32, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for stealing a suit case of clothing from No. 64, Lockhart Road.

Det.-Sergt. V. Morrison said that at 4.15 a.m. to-day, accused was seen leaving a scavenging lane in Lockhart Road. He was wearing three suits of clothing at the time. He admitted the theft when enquiries were started.

DODECANESE BOMBED BY R.A.F. IN MIDDLE EAST

A BRITISH MIDDLE EAST communique yesterday reported widespread attacks by the R.A.F. in Cyrenaica, the Dodecanese, Iraq and Abyssinia.

The communique stated: Cyrenaica — on the night of May 12/13 our bombers over Benghazi registered direct hits on the railway, military headquarters, buildings of the governorate and the base of the cathedral mole. Fires were started but detailed observation was difficult.

Numerous reconnaissance patrols were carried out on Wednesday.

The Dodecanese — on the previous night aerodromes at Maritza and Calato were bombed and fires started, and hits obtained near dispersed aircraft.

Iraq — continuous aerial attacks on rebel positions and objectives such as aerodromes, railways and motor transport, Amara, Rashid, Mosul and the railway at Baghdad.

Abyssinia — direct hits were obtained on Fort Mendi in central Abyssinia and machine-gun posts and troops were attacked at

Sciassamanna and Giabbassire by units of the South African Air Force.

Malta — enemy aircraft raided Malta on the night of May 13/14, causing slight damage to R.A.F. property but no casualties, civilian or military.

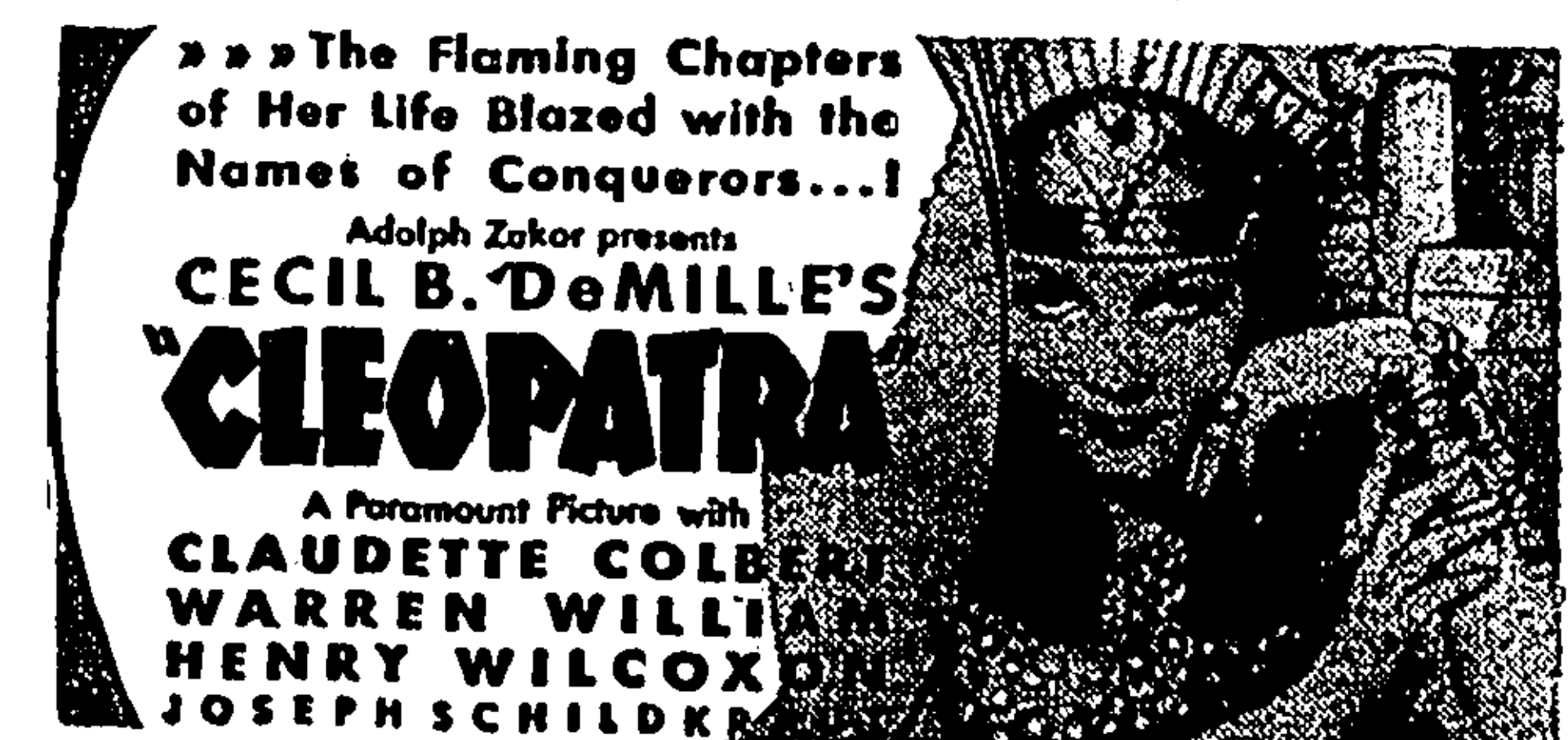
There was another small raid on Wednesday. British fighters intercepted and drove off these planes.

From all these operations two aircraft were lost but the pilot of one of them escaped safely by parachute. — Reuter.

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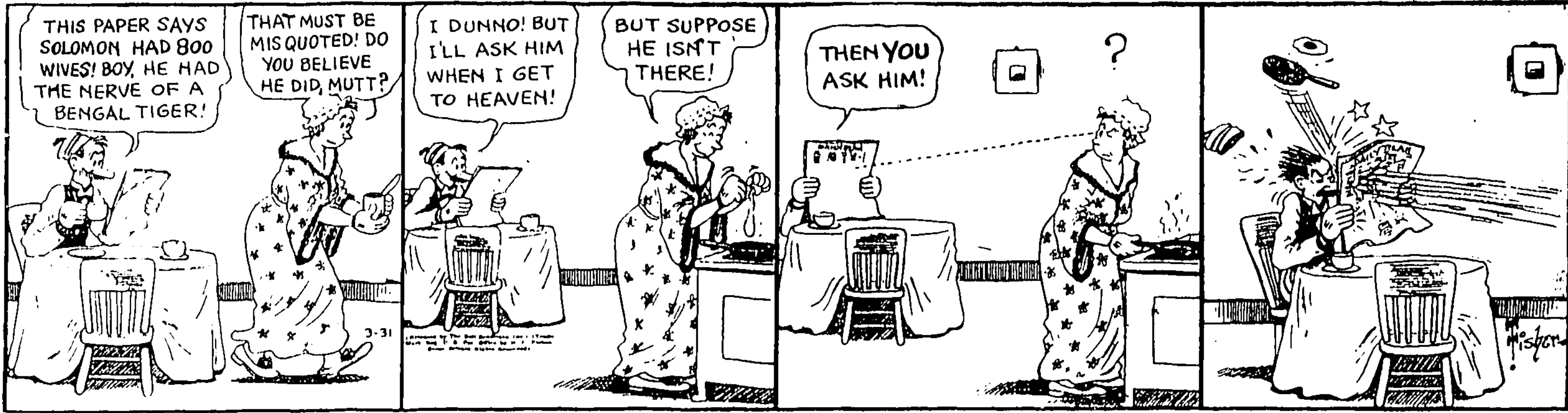
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Staging Posts On Way To Iraq

AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BRITAIN WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST GERMAN AIRCRAFT IN SYRIA WAS MADE BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, AT QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

MARKET INCIDENT

WHILE MAKING A PURCHASE AT A STALL AT KOWLOON CITY MARKET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, MRS. LA FLEUR OF 'BAY VIEW' KAI TAK, UNKNOWNLY DROPPED A HANDKERCHIEF CONTAINING \$30.

Chun Po, 32, fook at an opposite stall, who saw the incident, crawled there and picked it up. The fook of another stall who saw Chun, informed Mrs. La Fleur when she realised her loss.

Chun Po denied he had picked it up and was taken to the police station, where the money was found in his pocket.

Before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning, Chun Po was fined \$10 or one week.

Mr. Eden declared detailed information at Government's disposal showed the French authorities in Syria are allowing German aircraft to use Syrian aerodromes as staging posts for flight to Iraq.

The British Government consequently had given full authority for action to be taken against these German aircraft on Syrian aerodromes. (Loud cheers).

Mr. Eden continued: "The French Government cannot escape responsibility for this situation. Their action under German orders in permitting these flights is a clear breach of the armistice terms and inconsistent with the undertakings given by the French Government."

In reply to Mr. Ernest Shinwell (Labour), who asked whether we could no longer place any reliance in the Vichy Government, Mr. Eden said:

"As regards these particular circumstances I have made it plain that appropriate action is being taken."

Force In Suggestion

Mr. Cocks (Labour), interposed: "Is it not a fact that since the Vichy Government has left the League of Nations the mandate for Syria no longer exists?"

Mr. Eden: "I should like to have notice of that but there is certainly force in Mr. Cocks's suggestion."

Sir Henry Morris Jones (Liberal National) asked whether a warning was given to the Vichy Government.

Mr. Eden: "The Vichy Government was fully aware of our attitude in this matter, indeed their own undertaking is sufficient indication of their obligations."

In reply to a query whether the U.S. Government had been fully informed of this development, Mr. Eden said "Yes, certainly."—Reuter.

TOBACCO TO BE LENT OR LEASED!

America has agreed to send tobacco under the Lease and Lend Act, Mr. A. H. Maxwell, the Tobacco Controller, announced yesterday.

Supplies sufficient for all Britain's needs were already awaiting shipment, Mr. Maxwell added. More tobacco was being released from bond than ever in the history of the industry.—British Wireless.

TRAFFIC BREACHES

Mrs. S. M. Mackinlay, of No. 8, Carnarvon Building, was cautioned by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for driving in a closed road on May 4. Mrs. Mackinlay was seen driving in Peak Road.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay pleaded guilty on behalf of his wife.

Mrs. K. T. Luke was cautioned for failing to stop close to the left side of the road in Queen's Road Central.

Traffic Sergeant J. Hunter prosecuted.

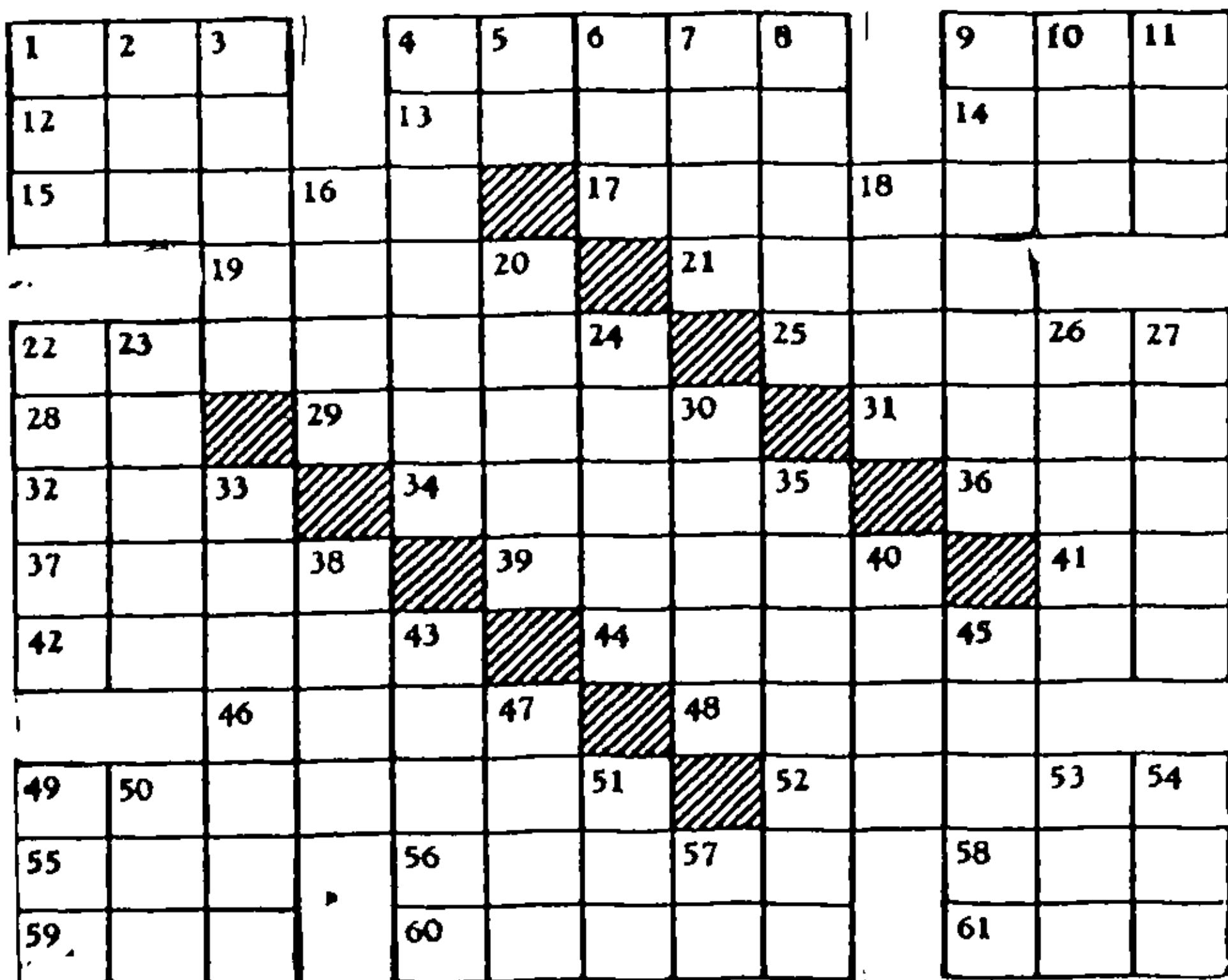
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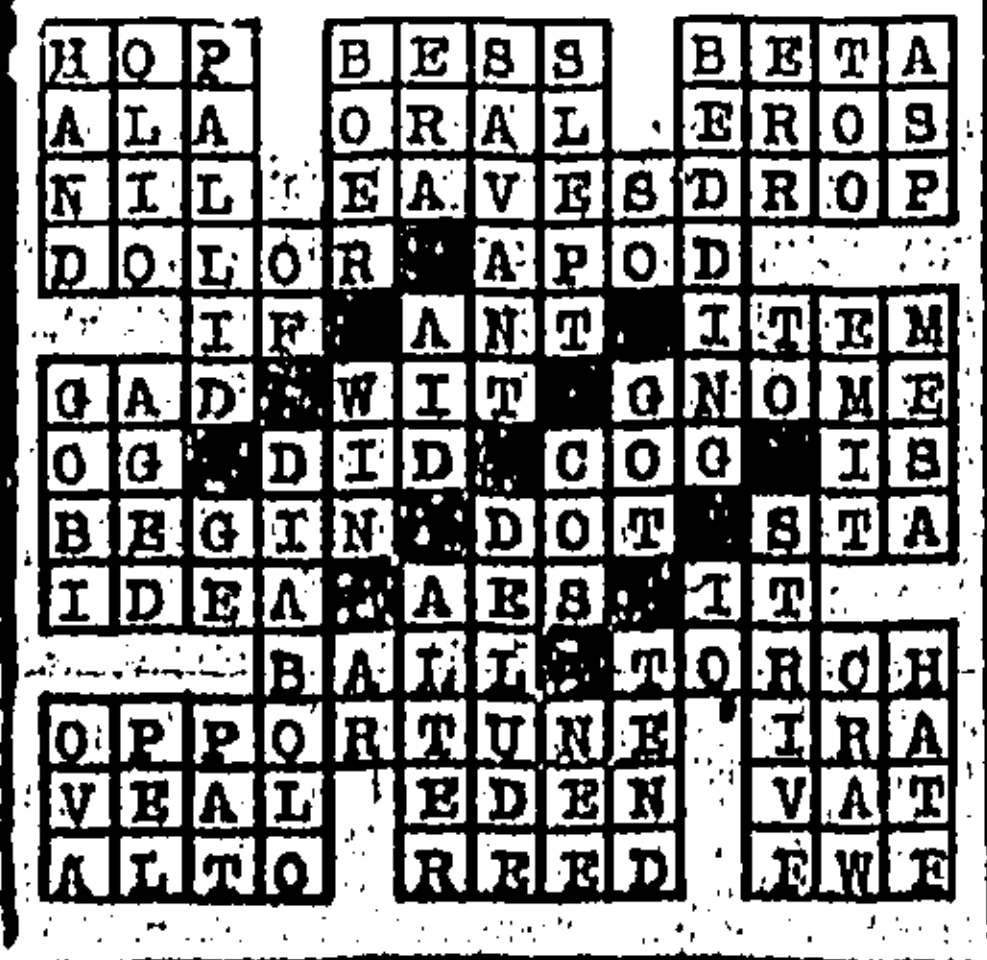
- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Moccasin
 - 4 To accumulate
 - 9 To raise with a lever
 - 12 Rowing implement
 - 13 Drawing-room
 - 14 Fish eggs
 - 15 Old English tax
 - 17 To defend
 - 19 To cease
 - 21 Coal-car used at mine
 - 22 Roundabout routes
 - 25 Hebrew prophet
 - 28 Mulberry
 - 29 Archaic: to anoint
 - 31 Ancient alloy
 - 32 European fish
 - 34 Allots
 - 36 Period of time
 - 37 To tear
 - 39 River in Africa
 - 41 Exists
 - 42 Warmth
 - 44 Ancient city on the Tigris
 - 46 Girl's name

- 48 Novel by Zola
- 49 Encroached upon
- 52 Spanish dance
- 55 Small
- 56 Muse of poetry
- 58 Moisture
- 59 Roman bronze
- 60 Poetic: grief
- 61 Goddess of mischief

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Exploding noise
 - 2 Swiss river
 - 3 Tuft
 - 4 To amaze
 - 5 Colloquial: mother
 - 6 High mountain
 - 7 Kind
 - 8 To breathe raucously

- 9 Proposition
- 10 Fabulous bird
- 11 However
- 16 Greek portico
- 18 Ceylonese tree
- 20 To smooth oneself
- 22 Oriental tambourine
- 23 More aged
- 24 Killed
- 26 Eagle's nest
- 27 Tennis stroke
- 30 City in Illinois
- 33 Salad herb (pl.)
- 35 Legislator
- 36 Portuguese title
- 40 California rockfish
- 43 Archaic: interpreted
- 45 Genus of orchids
- 47 Nothing
- 48 Hawaiian bird
- 50 Born
- 51 Split pulao
- 53 To become
- 54 To be obliged to
- 57 Part of infinitive

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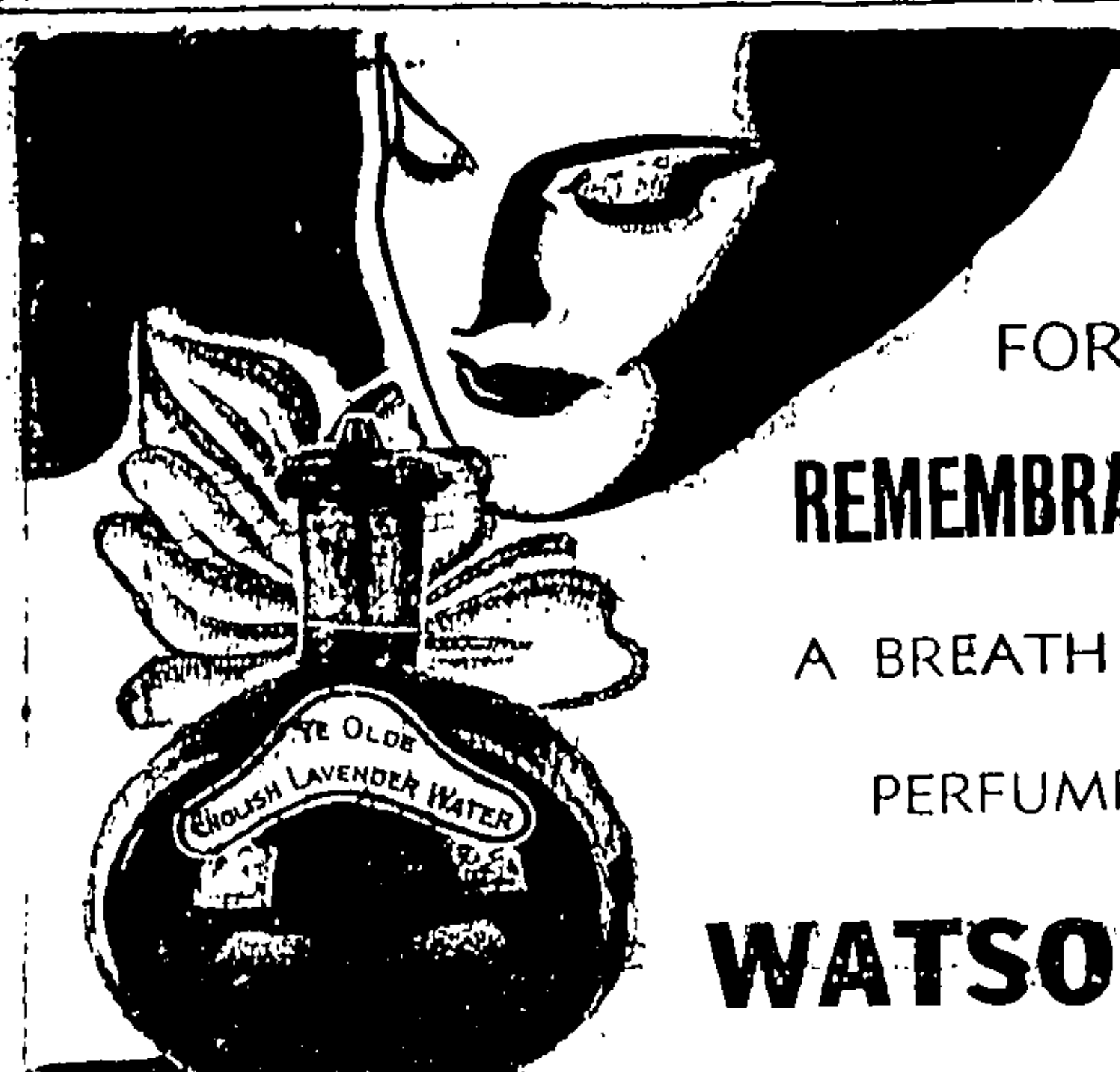
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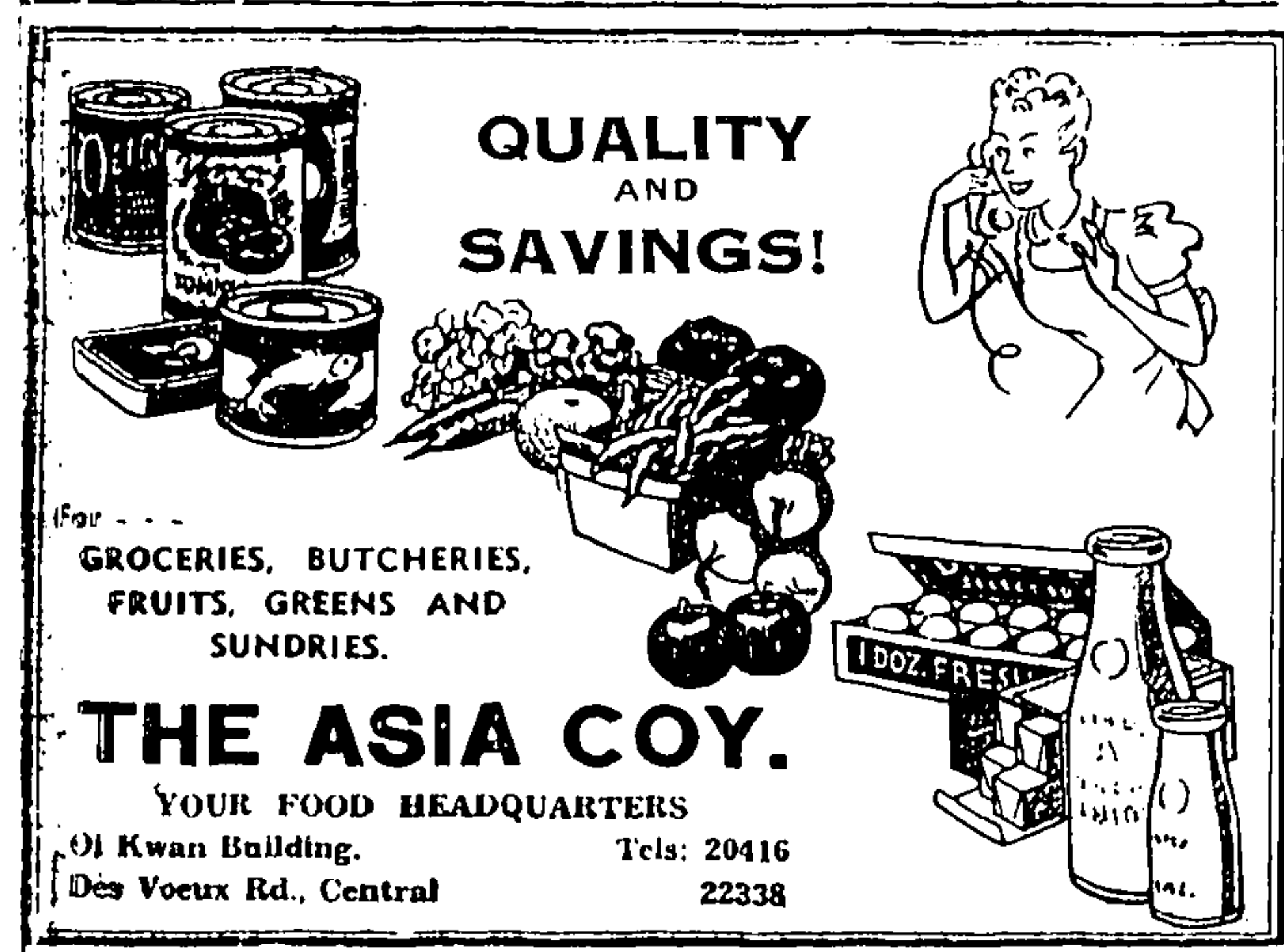
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JAPAN TURNS TO EXAMINING U.S. ATTITUDE

ONE WINTRY MORNING a slight, spare Japanese stood alone before the snow-mantled tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D. C., where he reverently clapped his hands and offered a sincere Shinto prayer. Then, ignoring the cold, he silently removed his overcoat, doffed his hat, and climbed slowly up the stone stairs to worship.

"Unknown Soldier," he whispered, "I trust you know who is this Oriental offering a prayer at your tomb. Twenty years have passed since you were sacrificed on a European battlefield.

"When politicians are trying desperately to get big hands and attempting to become heroes of journalism, you silent victims sacrificed your lives for the cause of nations, as God only knows. "It must be a wonderful thing to be known only to God.

"For Japan, I hope sincerely that many persons would be known only to God."

Returns To Tokyo

Now this Japanese, Tetsuma Hashimoto, has returned to Tokyo and he is writing his impressions of an America teeming with defense activity for the powerful industrial newspaper, "Chugai."

It is not as though Hashimoto was a member of the Japan-America society, a chap friendly to the United States through the years.

Instead he is leader of The Shunso, a resolute right wing group, and the mere fact that these articles are appearing in print, let alone being written, is a straw in the wind of what apparently is happening in Tokyo.

Hashimoto spent many weeks touring through the United States, from coast to coast, and north and south, as a member of a three-man economic group. While he says nothing about the persons with whom he talked, he definitely conferred with some of the most powerful business, financial and government leaders in both Washington and New York.

Throughout the late months of 1940 and in the early part of the year, the vernaculars have been beating the drums of antagonism. A significant change has taken place within the month, of which Hashimoto's reasoned, impartial analysis is typical.

Marvels At Police

Hashimoto told how at first he was a bit put out by the thoroughness of the police at San Francisco, where they examined his shoe soles and seams of his clothing, but afterwards he said he concluded this was all right for after all he was a member of a mission there to inquire into industry.

"From then on," he writes, "we were never visited by the police."

This astonished him, since foreigners in Japan usually are required to report departures from the city where they live, must register with the police, provide pictures, and register their addresses.

Hashimoto writes in detail of the plenty which surrounded him, and no wonder, for in Japan now there are lines of people waiting to buy bread from the bakeries, and frequently they don't get it, rice is strictly rationed, every scrap of old iron is saved and contributed to the government and a little extra sugar in the household is something to boast about.

"Scrap iron is seen everywhere in America," he writes. "America has no time to pay any attention to old things. She advances with new things. I told a friend of mine it would be easy for Japan and the United States to be friendly and cooperate in exchanging what they have.

Japanese Too Impatient

"But Japan may not be able to use America's abundant natural resources as long as the two nations are opposing each other. In my opinion the Japanese are too impatient. They are mad because America has so much of natural richness and resources. The Japanese are too envious."

Hashimoto turns from his description of the economic wealth of America to his experiences at the inauguration of President Roosevelt, and there again he found a sentiment entirely different from what he had expected.

Hashimoto said he naturally thought California, "the cradle of the anti-Japanese movement," would be antagonistic, but "my expectation again proved erroneous. Of course Japanese firms are suffering from regulations enforced from the standpoint of national policy, particularly since the conclusion of the tripartite pact."

The conclusion Hashimoto inevitably reached, after his visit was that, based on how he personally was received and welcomed, there is no antagonism toward the individual Japanese in the United States, but that the two governments are in a "headlong collision position."—Associated Press.

HEAVY DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY IN MALTA

There was considerable damage to civilian property and some people were killed in Wednesday night's raid on Malta, which was carried out by a smaller formation of enemy planes than usual.

Bombs were dropped but no Naval or R.A.F. property was damaged and there were no Service casualties, states an official communique.—Reuter.

TROJAN HORSE FEARS

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, speaking in London yesterday, said: "From my point of view Hess is a murderer.

"You can understand my feeling about Hess when I tell you he was the man who collected every index card of every trade union leader in Germany, and the Social Democrats, and when the time came they were either sent to concentration camps or murdered."

"I DO NOT BELIEVE HITLER DID NOT KNOW HESS WAS COMING TO ENGLAND."

"For a good many years I have had to deal with these totalitarian gentlemen and Communists, and I have seen this kind of stunt over and over again."

"I am not going to be deceived by any of them. Hess is no man. I would never negotiate with."—Reuter.

CHINA MAIL
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A STRAW IN THE WIND

The flight of Rudolf Hess to Britain, by virtue of his position in the German hierarchy, has such possibilities that the world remains gasping and conjecturing as to the underlying explanation.

Until Mr. Churchill makes his promised statement, there can be no dependable clue to the exact reason for the desperate action. The attempt of the Nazis to discredit any statement he may make by urging his insanity is useless. They cannot overcome the known fact that until a few days ago he was taking a prominent part in public life. He figured on the programme arranged for the birthday celebrations in honour of Hitler, delivering an eulogy on the Fuehrer on that occasion, and on May 1st he addressed employees of an armament factory at Augsburg. If Hess, Deputy-Fuehrer and third most important official in the German Reich, suffered from mental derangement of any sort as the Berlin broadcast tried to insinuate, the question must naturally arise why such an unstable person was permitted to hold extremely responsible posts for so many years and permitted to make decisions vitally affecting the party.

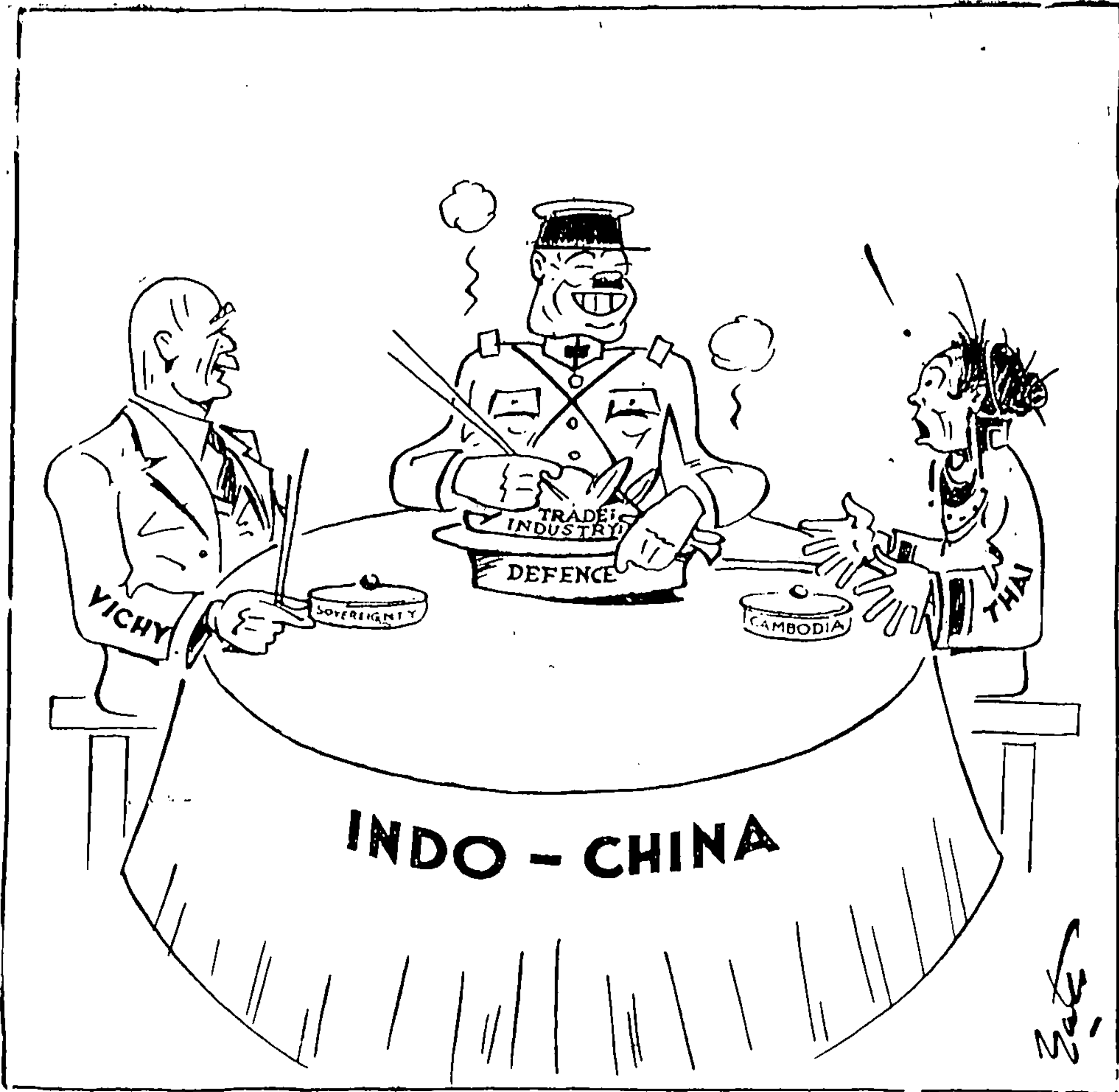
The theory that his flight indicates dissension amongst the party leaders seemed surely based. It has been categorically denied in England that he carried proposals from the German Government. He obviously left Germany without the knowledge or approval of his Government. His defection is a loss and potentially dangerous. As the close friend of Hitler, he must know the secrets, ambitions and plans of that "bad man," and his erstwhile master must be in the highest degree nervous of what Hess might be willing to divulge.

His decision to escape makes it plain to the world that the internal situation in Germany is one of growing strain and stress, even for the leaders who are reported to live in the greatest of comfort. But wishful thinking is not justified. It should not be imagined that his flight indicates the imminence of a crack-up in the Nazi party or a

Where now is Europe? As the scene of battle shifts to the other side of the Mediterranean, the Continent seems left behind in more senses than one. Britain is still waging there a war of blockade, which we propose to tighten to the limit. This is the purpose of Dr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, in asking the full participation of the United States in freezing Axis credits and boycotting Axis trade throughout this hemisphere; and he would not have sprung this plan on American reporters in London if it were not already under consideration in Washington. The Royal Air Force is intensifying the war in the air, stepping up the size and tempo of the raids on the Channel ports and the German production centres. Diplomats are applying as much pressure as they can on Spain, Portugal and unoccupied France.

But we are out of the Continent as we were not before we dispatched troops to Greece. For the present, at least we will fight no more land battles on European soil. Europe remains a target, a place of siege, an object of combat, but it is no longer the active fighting ground. Europe is a state of suspense, time standing still, a

split between the party and the German people. It may, indeed, in the face of the common danger, more closely unite the remaining German leaders, at least for a time. As for the German people, it has already been clearly demonstrated that they have long ago surrendered their freedom of life, thought and action so completely that the stories invented for their consumption by Dr. Goebbels and his assistants on this occasion will probably be readily accepted as have other, more dubious lies.



CO-PROSPERITY MEAL.

From Morocco To Turkey

By
Anne O'Hare McCormick

vast waiting room, crowded with millions of hungry human beings living in darkness and coma. They are reconditioned while they wait, of course, so the issues at stake are being decided by them as much as by the combatants.

They are Europe. Yet Iraq is Europe, too. Crete is Europe. The pink house out on the Anatolian hills beyond Ankara is Europe, for there President Ismet Inönü will ponder Turkey's reply to the message Franz von Papen has brought from Berlin. The British Isles are now the core of Europe.

Wherever it is fought, this conflict is always and essentially a war for Europe, but the Continent itself has become too narrow to cover the lines that run out from this centre like the branches of a tree.

This truth was never so manifest as when the contest moves to the margins of Europe. The first fact that looms as Hitler prepares to charge in Asia and Africa is that a new ordeal impends for France. The development of the Nazi drive on Egypt is bound to affect the position of France in North Africa and in Syria. It must reopen, within France and Britain, the most painful wound of the war.

General Weygand now faces the showdown postponed for a time by the Italian defeat in the Mediterranean. Has he force enough to keep his pledge to resist any invader of the French Empire? Those who know Marshal Petain believe that he will never break his word not to allow French territory or the French fleet to be used against France's former ally; but how long will the decision be left in his hands? How important a role in the coming battle will be played by the forces mobilised by General de Gaulle in Equatorial Africa?

Disarmed and defeated, the French are at the mercy of Hitler. He holds nearly 2,000,000 hostages, controls the food supply, exercises absolute police powers. If in such circumstances the Laval and de Brinons have failed to speed up a policy of "collaboration" with Germany, resistance must be very strong, from the old Marshal down to wives of the war prisoners. It is inconceivable that France should fight Britain - and inevitable that the Germans will use every means to coerce her. The re-emergence of this tragic issue shows how literally the war for Europe is merely transferred to North Africa.

The clash in Iraq proves the same point. It is not by chance that a pro-Axis government is established at Baghdad, or that opposition to Britain flares up in this frowzy capital on the Tigris. Nor is it only a question of oil, rich and coveted as are the wells of Mosul.

Iraq is the strategic centre of the great Arabian peninsula and has been deliberately picked out by the Germans as a focal point for an Arab rising. The irony is that British armies freed Iraq from the Turks in the last war, and Iraq is the only mandated territory in this area that has been given independence. Syria, under French mandate, seethes with discontent because the same status was not accorded her, and Palestine is kept under British rule because of the conflict between the Arabs and the Jews.

It can be imagined how the call to a "holy war" could stir up the latent fanaticisms in these countries. The Arabs are too divided, too split into tribal factions, too weak militarily, to make this apparently premature threat very dangerous. The Iraq Army is only a shadow, incapable of offering serious resistance even to a small British force. The whole thing is a scarecrow, but it may have a dreadful effect.

This is Berlin in Baghdad. The Iraq revolt may prove an abortive gesture, but it is a logical climax of the propaganda and bribery employed to forge the sword of Islam into a weapon in the European war. As the flames lighted in Europe spread along the Mediterranean coast from Morocco to Turkey, we see that no continent can contain this devouring fire.

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Royce Brier, columnist in the "San Francisco Chronicle," says: "Proving they can take it, the British people are displaying traits common to all good soldiers."

"Students of soldiers' behaviour have always been struck by the fact that trained troops will endure well under greatly superior attack

as long as their ammunition is adequate and their leaders spare them from untenable situations.

"The Luftwaffe is still superior quantitatively to the R.A.F. but it is inferior qualitatively."

"The R.A.F. gives evidence of being able to take care of itself provided it can get replacements on the prodigious scale required for effective aeronautical warfare."—Reuter.

HEROES OR MARTYRS?

"What shall it profit a man if he braves a blitz like a hero and then is killed in a road accident?" asks the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

"The nation has too much need of heroes for them to be martyrs."

LIFE'S LITTLE COMPLICATIONS FOR JAPAN

"LIFE IS DIFFICULT FOR JAPAN, WHO WORKS SO HARD FOR PEACE," DECLARES THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" IN A LEADING ARTICLE ON THE FAR EAST.

"In order, as she said, to preserve peace in the Pacific, she made the Triple Pact of Berlin, which meant that if the United States came into the war both Japan and the Axis would attack her and, in spite of evasions, it meant the same for Russia.

"Then Japan, looking hungrily southward towards the Dutch East Indies, decided that she must make sure of peace with Russia, so she made a new pact under which she and Russia declared that they would be neutral if either of them were attacked by a third power.

"This looked very much like double-crossing Germany but the Germans did not mind because at the moment their one idea is that Japan should quarrel as soon as possible with Britain and the United States.

"But now word is reaching Japan that Germany and Russia may soon make a large agreement by which Russia will send supplies to Germany and Germany will give Russia a free hand in Asia.

A FREE HAND WHEN RUSSIA HAS JUST BOUND HERSELF NOT TO INCOMMODE JAPAN!

Mutual "Trust"

"The Japanese army never trusts Russia and its paper, the 'Kokumin,' is shocked at the report.

"It says that Japan could not sit 'with folded hands' if Russia thus reasserted her freedom of action in the East.

"So Japan is wondering whether her two allies, old and new, are now double-crossing her. Each of the three trusts the others as far as she can see them and no further."—Reuter.

LOYALTY AND SACRIFICE

"I expect each one of you to uphold the glorious traditions bequeathed us and to lay down your lives, if need be, in defence of the British Empire, which is fighting for the preservation of human liberty and civilisation."

With these words the Maharajah of Patiala yesterday bid farewell to officers and men of a motor transport company raised in the State on the eve of their departure for service with the British forces.

The Maharajah added that to a brave people a call to duty such as the present one should prove a source of inspiration and jubilation and he hoped his soldiers would at least live up to, if not improve upon, the high standard of loyalty and sacrifice set up by their ancestors.

He assured the men that his Government would take every possible care of their families in their absence.—Reuter.

47 RAIDS ON BREST

The docks at Brest have been attacked on 47 occasions, on 24 of which the German battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau were among the objectives, the Air Under-Secretary stated in the Commons yesterday, says a British Wireless message.

BRITISH HOLD THE INITIATIVE

British troops retain the offensive in the Tobruk and Sollum areas, it was stated in authoritative Cairo circles last evening.

In Abyssinia, the Amba Alagi ring is closing in, and the military spokesman said the Italians are steadily losing a daily toll of positions and prisoners.

The Italians have been putting up a gallant show during the last nine or 10 days but appear to be in a most awkward position.

Rain is beginning to fall but the permanent rains have not yet begun.

Further successes in the lakes area south of Addis Ababa are reported in yesterday's Nairobi communiqué.

An Italian position was attacked yesterday and 500 prisoners taken. In addition two batteries of artillery, five light tanks and an anti-tank gun were captured.—Reuter.

GERMANS NOW INSTALLED IN 4 SYRIAN BASES

THOUGH UNCONFIRMED, reports received yesterday state that the German air force is installed in four Syrian bases, including the number one airport of Rayak.

Reporting this, an American radio commentator speaking from Ankara last night, said that the Germans were said to have landed 20 bombers four days ago and that this number was said to have been swelled by the arrival of new squadrons.

According to other reports the Germans have succeeded in transporting by boat and are disembarking at Syrian ports, a certain amount of war material, including tanks, but Germans in Ankara deny this.

The German Embassy spokesman said "There is only one German soldier in Syria and he is a member of the German-Italian armistice commission."

Another Axis informant said "London's decision to send the R.A.F. into action was premature because no German troops have reached Syria, although preparations have been underway both in Syrian air bases and ports."

Technicians

It is learned in Ankara, the American commentator added,

MASS GERMAN EVACUATION

The fact that R.A.F. raids have compelled the large scale evacuation of children from north and west Germany to Czechoslovakia, Poland and Austria, is the subject of comment in the "Manchester Guardian."

"To judge from a report recently made by Baldur von Schirach, parents at first hung back from sending children away. Then there was a storm of evacuation, particularly from Hamburg, Bremen, Berlin and the great towns of the west. (This was before the last series of heavy British raids). Considerable strain was put on the transport system.

"Some idea of the recent increase can be gathered from figures of the Polish warthegau.

"At the end of December there were only 15,000 Berlin children there. By February 20 there were 100,000.

"Czech reports say that 150,000 refugees, both child and adult, have arrived in Bohemia and Moravia and 32 districts have been compulsorily evacuated by order of the Protector to make room for them. This figure has probably been doubled by now.

"General inference is that German evacuation has been a hurried affair for which no adequate preparation had been made.

"It has now been extended on a huge scale and Germany and her tributary countries offer enormous tracts that can be counted as 'safe' areas.

"All the same it is a side of the war that must have had its effect on the confidence of ordinary people."—British Wireless.

FEWER SWEETS

A Ministry of Food Order prohibits the manufacture of cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery without licence from June 16 next. The Order does not apply to Northern Ireland.—British Wireless.

that a German-Italian military mission has arrived at the Iraqi capital and German technicians are reported en route across Syria to Iraq.

In Cairo, German planes which previously were reported to be flying across Syria, are stated authoritatively to have used aerodromes in Syria while en route to Iraq.

For Some Days

They appear to be mostly bombers but there may be one or two troop-carriers among them.

Rayak and Aleppo are among aerodromes they are reported to have used.

Some machines are probably remaining in Syria. The operations have been going on for three or four days.—Reuter.

JUDGMENT WITH costs was given in a breach of promise case to Chan Ah-ning, defendant, of No. 126, Wing Lok Street, by Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, at the Summary court to-day. Cheung Li-lam, of No. 1, Min Fat Street, was the plaintiff.

Mr. Yim Pong who was called by the plaintiff has stated, that

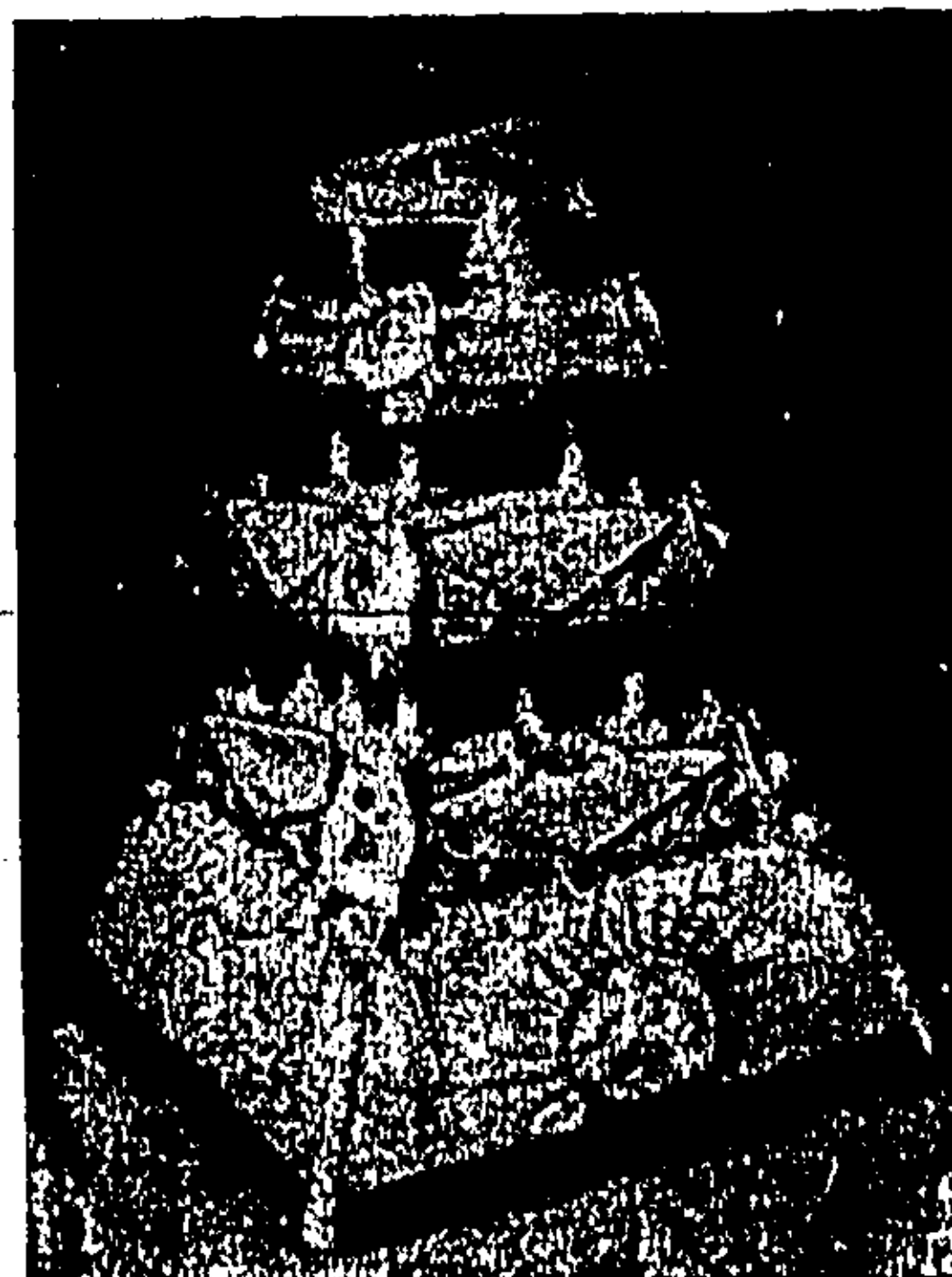
On the operations one British plane was lost. — Reuter.

Although the total population counted in Hong Kong was 709,294 against 581,043 in Kowloon, Hong Kong contains only 8,900 more children under 10 than Kowloon and only 2,500 more persons over 60.

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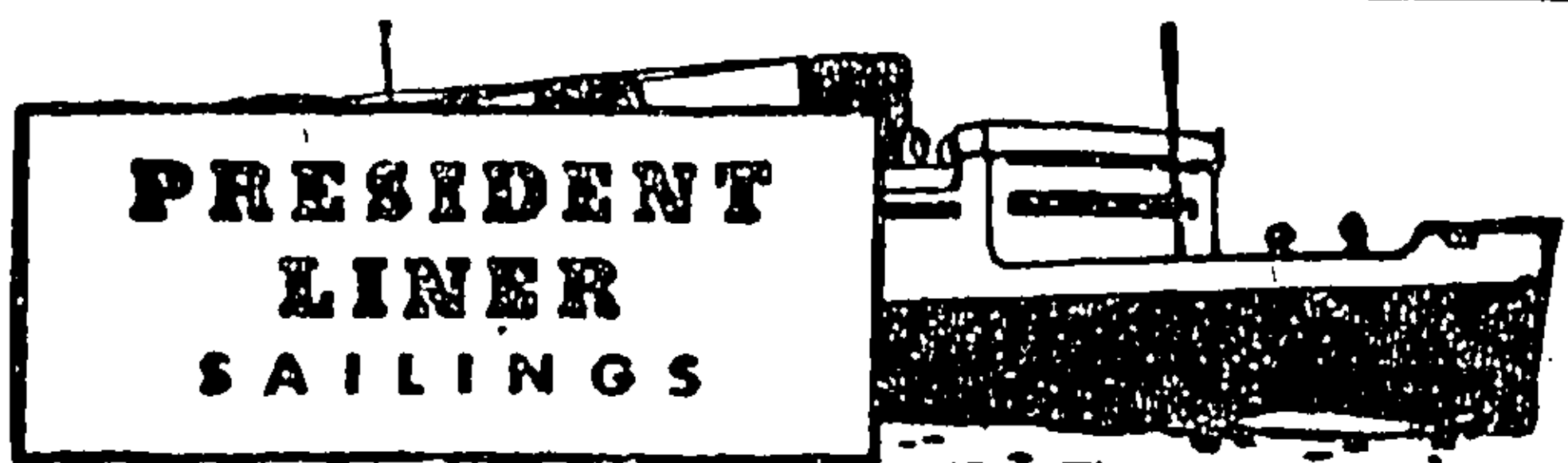
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6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
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6.32 p.m.—The New Light Symphony
Orchestra with Raymond Newell
(Baritone).

Parade of the Tin Soldiers (Jessel);
Policeman's Holiday (Ewing);...
New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Life's Great Sunset (Emmett Adams);
For England (Brandon & Murray);
Raymond Newell (Baritone)

with instrumental accom-
"Jewels of the Madonna"—Intermez-
zo (Wolf-Ferrari) New Light

Symphony Orchestra.
Follow me home—A Barrack-Room
Ballad (Kipling, Ward-Higgs)

Raymond Newell (Baritone) with
Orchestra.

"The Dubarry"—Selection New
Light Symphony Orchestra

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions
of the Hour"

7.30 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—"Casse Noi-
sette" Suite, Op. 71A.

Miniature Overture March—Dance
of the Sugar Plum Fairy, Russian
Dance Arab Dance Chinese Dance

Dance of the Flutes, Waltz of the
Flowers Philadelphia Orchestra
cond. by Leopold Stokowski

7.53 p.m.—Two Short Piano Pieces
played by Walter Gieseking.
Serenade Op. 17, No 2 (R. Strauss)

Reverie (Debussy)
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-
nouncements

8.02 p.m.—Verdi's "La Traviata" Act
II, with Lionello Cecci, Mercedes
Capur Ida Conti, Carlo Galeffi, Bac-
caloni Villa, Nessi, Baracchi and
Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with
Orchestra

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News &
News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—"Why not 'Middle-
Brow'?" Talk by Dr. William Love-
lock of the Trinity College of Music,
illustrated by Gramophone records

9.45 10.00 p.m.—News in French (on
Short Wave only)

9.45 p.m.—Songs by Josephine Baker
and Frank Crumit.

Antonio Pasquale Ramon (Crumit).
Wrap me up in my tarpaulin jacket
(Whyte & others) Frank Crumit

(Tenor) with Guitar
La Petite Tonkinoise (Christine &
others) Josephine Baker

J'ai Deux Amours (Roger & others)
Josephine Baker and Adrien Lamy
with Melodie Jazz du Casino de
Paris

No News Frank Crumit
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—O. M.
Green's Newsletter.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots Alouette, School Days
Horace Heidt and his Orchestra

Pasodoble Nino de Jerez, Rumba
Maracas (from "Cuban Suite")
Tolada and his Orchestra

Slow Fox-Trot Sarah, Sarah; Fox-
Trot We'll go smiling along (from
"Top of the World") Harry Roy
and his Band

Quick-Step Where the Blue Begins
(from "Top of the World"), Waltz
Love Stay in my Heart (from "Top
of the World") Victor Silvester
and his Ballroom Orchestra

Blues Wolverine Blues, Swingstep-
Skaters' Waltz in Swingtime... Bob
Crosby and his Orchestra

Fox-Trots—Punchinello (film "Music
in my Heart"), Oh! What a Lovely
Dream (film "Music in my Heart")
Freddie Martin and his Orch.

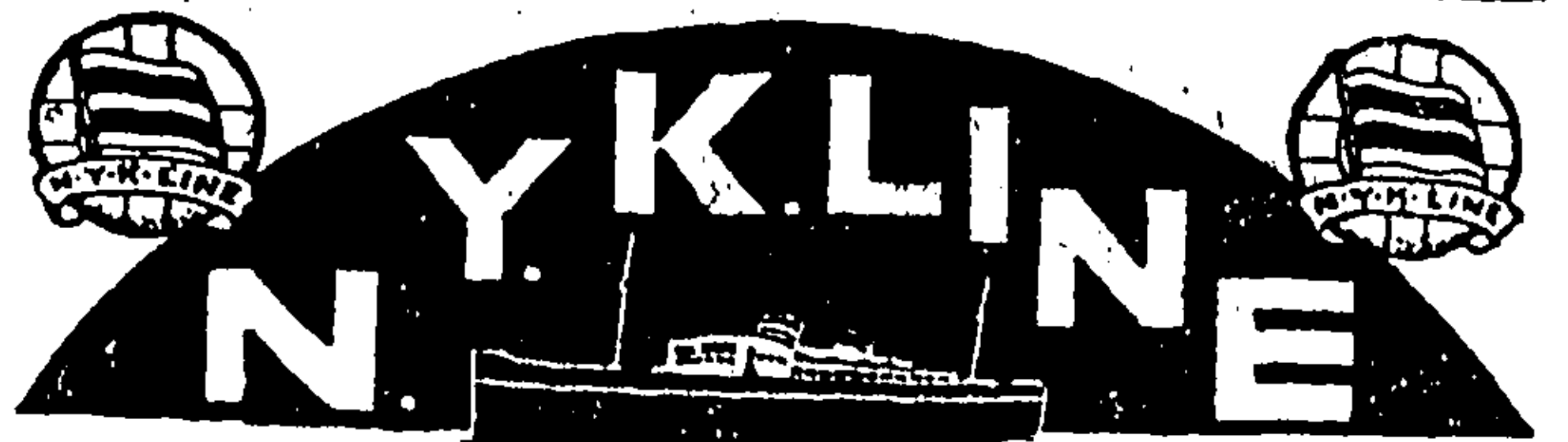
Tango Medley Intro Rosita (Du
Pont), Jealousy (Gade), Julian
(Donato) Joe Loss & his Band

Fox-Trots—No Souvenirs, Don't Make
me Laugh Jack White and his
Band

11.00 p.m.—Close down

750,000 WOMEN REGISTERED

Approximately 125,000 women
registered under the National
Service scheme are now due for
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Bradbury Scores Seven As Result Of Good Bowling

Madar's Change Of Tactics Pay Against Carlos Silva

By "Lead"

LAST SATURDAY WAS AN IDEAL DAY FOR BOWLS. A VERY HOT SUN WAS TEMPERED BY A COOL BREEZE AND WITH MOST OF THE GREENS IN SPLENDID CONDITION AFTER THEIR OFF-SEASON REST, THREE HOURS ON THE BOWLING GREEN PROVED A VERY ENJOYABLE WAY OF SPENDING A HALF-HOLIDAY.

The dry spell had its disadvantages, however, as most of the greens were as hard as iron and exceptionally fast. From all over the Colony I have had reports of heads being completed with 50 per cent. or so of the woods in the ditch. Most remarkable case brought to notice was in the K.C.C.-P.O.C. match in Second Division. When Carr, of K.C.C. went down to bowl against Bagley, on a long head, the latter's front men had left only one wood alive!

All matches went as expected in First Division but Craigen-gower, first victim this season of Prison Officers, had a good win over the Hong Kong Footballers in Second Division. P.O.C. again did well, on this occasion beating a strong K.C.C. side quite comfortably.

Most notable result in Third Division was the big victory scored by Cricket Club over Hong Kong Electric, in the latter team's first match of the season.

Lockhart's Grand Game

Hall and Sheriff had a rough time against McKelvie and Duncan, respectively, but with Holland scoring steadily from the 6th end onward, K.B.G.C. "A" supporters were never unduly worried about the ultimate result of the match with their juniors.

McKelvie at one stage appeared to have the measure of Hall, when he led 16-7 at the 14th, but the luck then changed and a big run for the senior skip from then onward enabled him to win by two shots, although he required a three at the last end to accomplish this.

Phillips, to whom the sympathies of all bowlers will go on his bereavement, had rather the better of Morton, while there was little to choose between White and Peckham, both being rather patchy.

Lockhart, however, was in grand form and was too good for Meyer, and Hall and McKelvie were well matched and usually had something of their own in the count.

Duncan finished strongly to beat Sheriff after being three shots to the bad with only three heads to go. Hodder had the better of Sykes, who played such a fine game last week, and honours between Gill and Dixon were shared. Levett did not do at all badly against the experienced Hyde-Lay, while Sheriff, although he showed some improvement on his form on the previous week, could not get the better of Duncan, who was as sound as ever.

There was little to choose between the front men in the Holland-Guy match, the issue being decided on the superiority of Holland over Guy. The former was in great form and on at least three occasions took the kitty back to turn adverse counts to his own advantage. In fairness to Guy, however, it must be mentioned that he was indisposed—it was even worse than that—he went home after the match and discovered he was running a temperature of 103!

Madar's Rally

Prior to the tea-interval, it appeared probable that the Champions would lay it into K.C.C. far more thickly than they eventually did, but a good rally by Madar improved matters to such an extent that there was only 14 shots in it all round when the match ended.

Madar adjourned for tea at the wrong end of a 6-20 score and I gather that he then went in to committee with his No. 3, Bebbington, and adopted an entirely different policy which almost enabled him to at least tie. Luz and Marques were completely outbowling Guest and Parsons and although Bebbington held Dick Alves pretty well all through, Madar was not given much chance of getting in when he went down to bowl.

After tea the K.C.C. rink adopted "blitzkrieg" tactics. Every time Recreio had the shot—and that was nearly all the time—Bebbington had a crack at breaking up the head. Three times he was so successful that he carried the kitty into the ditch. When he did not succeed Madar himself had a try, and Carlos Silva was altogether given quite a hectic time. K.C.C. put together 14 shots after tea

against Recreio's two singletons, and those singletons proved the margin between the rinks.

Lady Luck

Teddy Fincher went down to Luz by six shots and there was little in it throughout. Recreio usually having such luck as was going. As an instance of this K.C.C. were on one occasion lying four, when Luz, with his last wood, wicketed off a wing wood to take shot, which Fincher could not disturb with his last delivery. On another occasion, Jackie Noronha came up narrow and, striking an outside Recreio wood, knocked it in for shot, thus ruling out another four K.C.C. counters.

The two and threes on both sides were not bowling very well and the real interest lay in the brilliant fight staged between the two leads.

Arthur Perry was brilliant and had a slight edge on F. X. Soares, although the latter was also at the top of his form.

Luz was somewhat better than Fincher.

There was another even struggle between Joe Fraser and "Spuggy" Silva, which was decided in favour of Recreio by some uncanny drawing on the part of "Spuggy" himself, who judged his weight perfectly. On one occasion Fraser was lying five and instead of attempting to block, went for another counter. His opposite number thereupon came up with a perfect wood to draw the very first!

Xavier was as steady as a rock at lead and usually had the better of George Lee, who gave the impression of being out of practice, but the No. 2's were pretty well matched. Taylor did his stuff well although he was inclined to be short at times, while Ribeiro played some good shots. Fraser tried hard and at no time would admit Silva to be his superior.

Bradbury's Seven

Highlight of the Craigen-gower-Kowloon Dock match was Bradbury's seven against Kempton. I gather it was a very good head and at one stage there were some five woods draped around the Jack—none of them more than a foot away.

Souza, who played a sound game right through, had two counters, and Doc Karanjia, after putting his first in the ditch, drew a third shot. Coates thereupon put two more in the count and when the skips went down to bowl, Craigen-gower were lying a certain four, with the possibility of a fifth and a sixth.

Bradbury, anticipating a drive, placed his first wood behind the Jack—a lovely shot—and sure enough Kempton had a go. Instead of removing some of the offending woods, however, he cracked one of his own, which knocked into another to remove his two possible counters. Bradbury proceeded to draw a seventh and Kempton tried to draw to save but was heavy and finished in the ditch.

Finest player of the eight was undoubtedly Karanjia, who was consistently deadly, but his opposite number was not to be put off by this sort of thing and gave a great display, probably being the best of the visiting four.

Greig could not get the weight—the Craigen-gower green was particularly fast—but although he was absolutely unable to draw, his heavy shots were very effective and he saved on several occasions by trailing the kitty, or taking out a counter.

Bradbury did not have as much to do as Kempton, who never gave up trying.

Omar conceded three fours to Morrison but was never in any real trouble, while Rossetti had little to worry about against Coleman, although the latter gave a remarkably plucky display in the face of big odds all the time. Apart

CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES

Intending participants in the various Lawn Bowls Championships of the Colony are reminded that entries close on Monday, May 26.

from the skip, young Bob Lapsley was the only Dock player to shine, and usually had the better of Y. A. Razack.

Fast Green

Police and Civil Service had a grand tussle on an extremely fast green that was drawing very well if one could get the weight. This was not always the case as will be appreciated from the fact that in Rakusen's game with Post, the former notched up a couple of fours, at the 5th and 6th ends, the counters being practically the only woods on the rink at the end—the others having been ditched.

Rakusen had a good fight and there was never much in it. The leads and twos on both sides were very well matched, while Harper, who was in fine form, had a slight edge on Carey, although it was only slight. Rakusen had a shade the better of the argument with Post, although again there was not much in it.

Shepherd played one of his finest games to beat McGowan. He had to be in good form as Mac was very consistent and was continually tricking in to save.

At the second end Shepherd had a great chance of bagging a seven. McLeod and Harris were through with both their woods and when the No. 3's got down to bowl McGowan was lying three. Dall then played a grand shot through a narrow port to trail the Jack and leave Police with five and he then drew a sixth. With his first wood Shepherd added to the count after McGowan, coming up with a bit of weight in an effort to save, had been narrow and finished in the ditch. With his last delivery, however, the Civil Service skip, knocked one of his own woods in for second shot which Shepherd couldn't get at.

Wally Mair was up against it all the time but never gave up the ghost against Charlie Strange with the result that he got his nose in front near the end and won by two.

For Mair, Soutar was fair until the 17th, when he plunked two on the Jack and never looked back again and the remaining members of both rinks were very well matched, both skips doing their stuff well on occasion.

"Abe" Reduces Margin

But for the fact that M. R. Abbas won his match against B. Basto by seven shots, I.R.C. would have been beaten by a much bigger margin than the majority of four which Recreio "B" scored over them at King's Park.

Accustomed as they are to a somewhat heavy green, the Indians found the Recreio green too fast for them and most of them were inclined to be on the heavy side.

Dallah, who went down to "Doc" Guterres by 10 shots, was completely off form and it was unfortunate that all his front men also could not find the right touch that afternoon.

Abbas, who had good support from the rest of his rink, had an 8-1 lead at the 6th but Basto managed to creep up on him and at the 14th, thanks to a four, led 13-10. The scores were tied again at the 17th, after which Abbas scored a singleton and three twos in a row to win 20-13.

There was very little to choose between J. J. Basto and A. K. Minu, and the ultimate score, 18-17 in favour of the former, was a fair indication of the run of play.

Other Bowls On Page 14

SECOND DIVISION

K.C.C. DITCH FIVE & GOWLAND SCORES 7

By "Lead"

Gowland had a comic game against Meadows in the P.O.C.-K.C.C. match at Stanley in Second Division as although he scored at only eight ends, and at one stage was 5-18 down, he got to within one shot of his opponent's score.

Meadows was having matters very much his own way until the 13th, when Gowland scored one of the most curious seven we are likely to have for a long time.

I am told that when the final count was taken, the Prison Officers had their seven alright—there was no argument about that—but the threes did not have to indulge in any higher mathematics in arriving at this result as the only K.C.C. woods alive were one of Curtis's, which was very, very short, and couple of Meadows's—the remainder were in the dyke!

The K.C.C. rink did not deserve to win by more than one shot although they had most of the scoring. Bowden was right off form and Muleahy, playing in his first game since his return from leave, found difficulty in keeping his woods on his own rink although he did play some brilliant shots.

Jillott, well supported by his No. 3, down on the card as A. N. Other, had little difficulty against Steven and won by 11 shots. Mr. A. N. Other, I know his name but will keep it dark—was in great form and Steven had little chance when he went down to bowl. Jillott had much less responsibility than the K.C.C. skip and was quietly efficient all through.

The man in the Bagley-Carr match was Harrop, erstwhile Police player, who was in uncanny form at lead for the Stanley skip.

He it was who laid the foundation and with Fitzgerald and Foster having rather the better of the argument with Fabel and Overy respectively, Bagley had little to do against Carr but consolidate, which he usually did pretty successfully.

Kew Decides Matters

With Kew always a long way ahead of J. A. Remedios, Kowloon Tong were generally chiefly concerned with the number of points they would be able to score against Recreio.

At the tea-interval Stephens was a couple or so up on Jocky Soares and Howard was five down to O. P. Remedios so whether or not Kew carried the side through to an aggregate win, Kowloon Tong had every chance of dropping a couple of points down the sink.

After tea Stephens went away with a rush and was soon in a virtually unassailable position but Howard was having a tough time of it. With two heads to go he was no fewer than five down, but he fought hard and a four at the last end gave him a very creditable tie.

There was an unusual incident after this last head of Howard's. Kowloon Tong were conceded three without argument and secured the fourth on a measure. Relieved at having tied, however, Castro, the home No. 3, grabbed the Jack—and thus did his rink out of a chance of winning as there was another Kowloon Tong wood that might have counted and was certainly worth a measure!

J. A. Remedios, with three comparative novices for his front men, had little chance against Kew, who touched his best form this season and could do nothing wrong.

Kew was well-supported by Tang but his other two men were just ordinary. Remedios put up a great fight off his own bat but although he saved frequently, he could not stem the other side's run of success.

Teddy Castro was Howard's greatest help and Howard himself rose to the occasion when necessary. The other rink were all steady with O. P. Remedios continually doing his stuff when the opposition were lying.

Stephens and his front men took some time to settle down against Soares but having got ahead there was no stopping them. The Kowloon Tong rink all played well on occasion with Stephens himself playing some brilliant shots. Beltrao did some useful work for Soares and invariably had one right on the kitty, while Xavier and Soares

also did well, although they fell away somewhat in the later stages.

Lock's Big Win

A comfortable win by Tommy Lock was the deciding factor of the C.C.C.-H.K.F.C. match.

Broadbridge, selected for Lock's rink, had not made an appearance by 4 o'clock and "Sky" Kerrison was pressed into service at No. 2 and played quite a useful game, especially with his heavy ones. Gaddi had an even struggle with Howell, but Graver had the better of A. A. Razack, who could not find his touch. Gill did not always have the best of luck and most of Lock's efforts came off so it is not surprising that the Craigen-gower rink won.

Medina's rink, with J. H. Xavier back at lead, pulled together very well and had a close tussle with Macfarlane in a low-scoring match which was tied at 16-16. There was little to choose between the two sides.

Randall had a bit of luck against Pearce and with Ward playing some useful woods, won by three. Brooks-bank was the outstanding man for the Footballers and gave his skip splendid support.

Melrose Shines

Kowloon Footballers had a surprisingly easy win over Talkoo, despite the fact that the latter team were playing at home.

Field had everything his own way against Watson, whose rink could not get going. The K.F.C. skip received good support from young Lapsley, at lead, and Vic Chittenden, while Ogley, in his first match, played a very useful game.

With Melrose in marvellous form and getting all the support he wanted from his front men, Talkoo, in this encounter, completely outplayed the Footballers.

Simpson did not get much help from Downman or Fergusson, but Dand was steady.

Although Chalmers lost by 10 shots to Youngusband, the score is no indication of the closeness of the tussle. Not until the Footballers got their heads in front at the 15th with 17-10 did they ever feel reasonably safe. The Talkoo men all played well enough but the experience throughout Youngusband's rink carried the day.

THIRD DIVISION

RECREIO NOVICES DO WELL

By "Lead"

With at least six newcomers in the side, Recreio were not expected to beat Police in Third Division but the performances of the rookies augurs well for future games and though some were apparently affected by stage fright in their first League game, it was evident that they will quickly improve.

P. d'Almeida and E. Cunha were the best of the newcomers and the assistance they gave their skip undoubtedly helped Recreio to obtain the only point of the game. M. A. Carvalho, who formerly played as a No. 3 for (Questions on Page 14)

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

Water-Polo Competitions Will Start Next Month

Entries To Close Next Friday Big Athletic Meet On Sunday

By "Squaddy"

THE Large and Small Units water-polo competitions will commence at the beginning of next month and all entries for these competitions should reach the Secretary for water-polo, Lieut. Millar, Royal Scots, before next Friday.

The draws for water-polo will be conducted at the Queen's Road Swimming Baths, Victoria Barracks, on May 21 at 11 a.m. by representatives of all Units competing.

This year the points for these competitions will not count towards the aggregate swimming cup as has been the case in previous seasons.

The Water Polo League, which is being run by the European Y.M.C.A., will enable large and small units to get in good trim, and some exciting games are promised.

In its first try-out of the season, a team representing the Army were well beaten in the 200 yards swimming relay at the Y.M.C.A. gala held at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday. This I am sure was not the strongest team which can be produced from Army, although I know how hard it is to get the swimmers together for practice, but anyone who is keen on swimming and has been chosen for trials, should turn up at the baths for these trials.

ATHLETICS

AT Caroline Hill on Sunday a very interesting athletic meet should be witnessed between Army and the Chinese in the first contest of its kind to be held in the Colony.

If this meeting is a success, it will be held annually and a Cup presented by a well-known local business man put up for competition.

It is anticipated that a large number of University students will attend as they are supplying most of the competitors. The track events should be most

exciting as both teams are well up in these events, but the Army appears to have the advantage in field events.

Pte. Lever, who threw the javelin 173ft. 11 1/2 ins. last week, and Capt. Skipwith, Royal Artillery, who throws well over the 160 mark, should easily win this event.

Lever's best throw in the Colony was made last year, when he cleared 177ft 7 1/2 ins.

It is also interesting to note that Capt. Skipwith was winner of the javelin event at the Army Sports at "Home" a few years ago, although he did not break the record. Last year he threw over 190 ft but this was a no-throw, as he was about nine inches over the line.

I understand that L/Cpl Heather of Middlesex, a middle-distance runner, has been ordered to refrain from any further running by his Medical Officer. He will be a great loss to his battalion as he is reckoned to be one of the best half-milers in the Colony.

BOXING

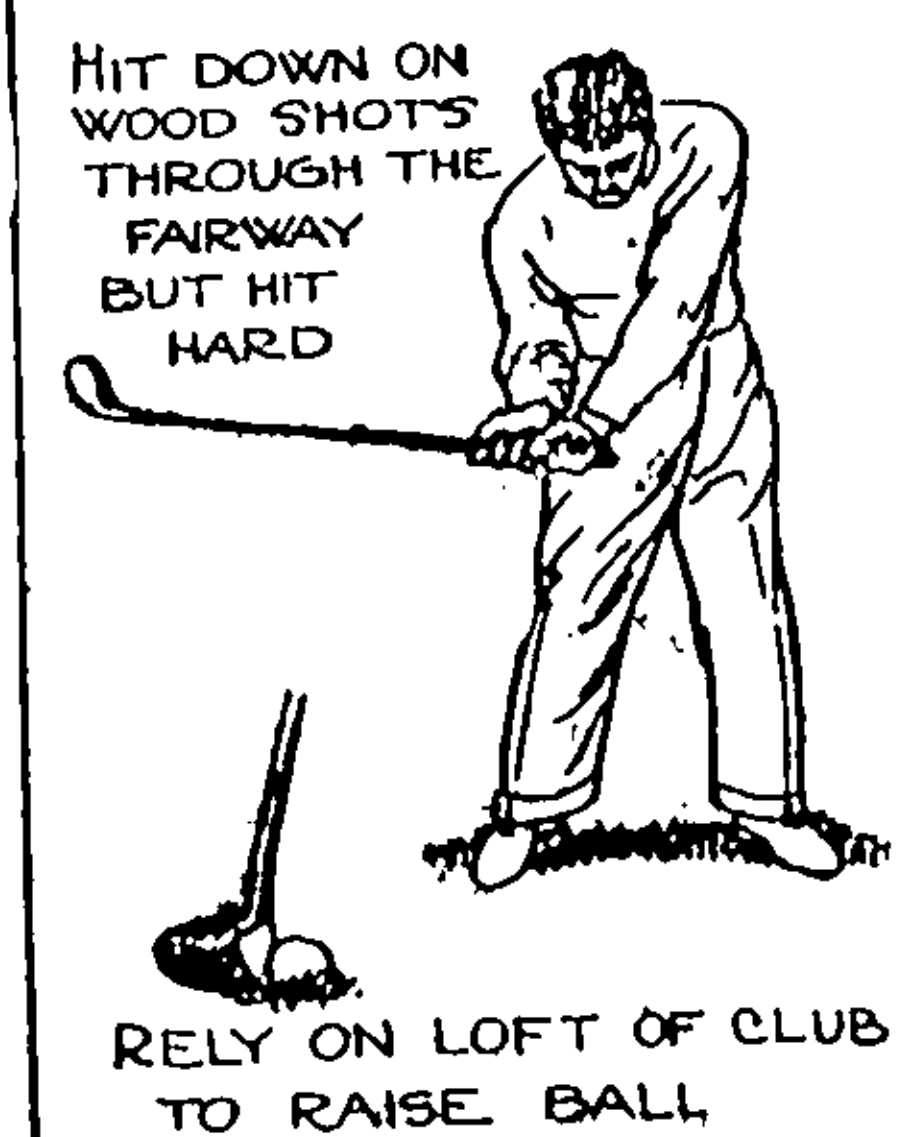
IT has been decided to erect a new boxing ring for the Garrison on the site of the old ring at Murray Barracks for the Area Boxing competitions next season.

There have been suggestions that the old ring be sold to the Combined Small Units to be erected in their Barracks for training purposes.

REFEREES

THE following have been appointed for the Army F.A. Referees Sub-Committee, Hong

GRAPHIC GOLF



RAISING THE BALL

By BEST BALL

Hit down on the ball to bring it up. Sounds a bit haywire perhaps but it's just the tonic needed to raise the ball which is lying badly. This not only goes for the short irons but for the wood shots through the fairway. Both the brassie and spoon are lofted but when the ball is deep in the grass, the stroke must contact the ball while descending to make this loft really count.

By this method the club-head hits the ball then scrapes or takes the turf a third of an inch or so beyond. But when this is done the ball is already on its way. Don't be afraid of driving the ball right into the earth. There's little danger of that. But the thought might cause flinching and the stroke must be crisp and decisive. Don't by any means resort to scooping. Hit down and hit hard.

Next Article:—Smooth Swinging.

FRENCH BOXER BARRED FROM TRIP TO U.S.

French Sports Dictator Jean Borotra recently forbade Marcel Cerdan, French welterweight champion, from sailing to New York, where he was booked for several matches.

Simultaneously, the International Boxing Union ordered the booking of elimination matches to pick a new welterweight champion, apparently taking Cerdan's crown without even waiting for him to be beaten. The reasons for these actions were not given. Cerdan has defeated all challengers, most of them by knockout. He is a Moroccan.—United Press.

Kong, for the 1941-42 Football season.

Chairman. Lieut L. G. Crosby, M.M., Royal Artillery.
Secretary. R.S.M. E. C. Ford, Royal Artillery.
Members:—S/Sgt M. Foster, R.A.M.C.

Sgt W. Fraser, Royal Scots.
Pte. E. J. Emmons, R.A.S.C.
Pte. E. J. Emmons, of R.A.S.C., has applied for grading as a first-class referee. Before he was called to the Colours at the beginning of the war he was a member of the Sheffield & Hallamshire Football Association, and was graded as a grade 11 referee.

THIRD DIVISIONS

(Continued from Page 13)

the Second Division team, did well and was only in arrears for a short period.

Alarcon on the whole had a sorry afternoon. He was up against a strong rink and with the exception of Mendonca, his No. 3, his front men did not give him much support, although Campos and Lopes sent down good woods at times.

Times out of number Alarcon found the shot against him and often there were many—and he was continually forced to give his best to save. He did save a lot during the afternoon but the opposition were bowling consistently well.

It was only a four at the last head which gave Alarcon a five-shot win over Yvanovich. The game was even throughout and there was never very much difference in the score. Recreio led from the start and at the 11th were 4-1. Scoring was on the low side after that until the last end.

Here too much depended on the skip and No. 3, but both Pinna and C. A. Marques did as well as could be expected.

Suffad's Useful Shot

To A. G. Suffad must go the credit for the I.R.C. victory over Football Club in Third Division, which was not decided until the last head of the match had been completed.

S. M. Rumjahn finished up with a 10-shot majority over Peter Morgan and Wahab went down to J. Russell by four.

Madar was four behind in his game with Needham at the 18th and a couple of singletons by the Football Club brought the aggregate scores level when the rinks started on the last head of the match. Madar and his men had been bowling quite well until the Football Club decided to adopt the short head policy. Then the Indians could do nothing right.

When Bickford sent the jack down to open the last head, however, he failed to pass the flag and that gave the Indians the chance they were looking for—a full head.

Nothing sensational happened until Syd Strange drew the shot with his first wood. It was in such a position that a win for the Football Club seemed certain. It was at this stage that Suffad sent down a perfect wood to trail the jack for the counter—the match-winning shot! Needham attempted to drive but failed and the Indians won by the narrowest possible margin!

S. M. Rumjahn had consistent support from his front men in the early stages and they led 28-10 at the 18th. Thereafter Morgan had a good spell and the final score was 28-18. A. R. Kitchell, as No. 1 for Rumjahn, was very consistent.

Russell and his men were always a shade better than Wahab's four. Experience, I think, was the secret of their four-shot win but it was nevertheless a good game and all credit must go to the I.R.C. skip for keeping the margin so low as Russell was bowling uncommonly well.

Ladd Fortunate

With Smalley and Oeden winning by big margins, Kowloon Footballers were not given much to worry about in their match against Craigengower.

Ladd was fortunate to catch Ben Evans on an off day but, the K.F.C. skip apart, it was not so much the superior bowling of the Hong Kong players that enabled them to win 25-10 as the fact that they had any luck that was going.

Neither Coelho nor Pau received very much support from their front men and they were never in the picture against Oeden and Smalley, respectively.

Hong Kong Electric were beaten on all rinks by Cricket Club in their first game of the season.

The usual difficulty of keeping a side together is again confronting the Electricians, while few players can find time to get in practice.

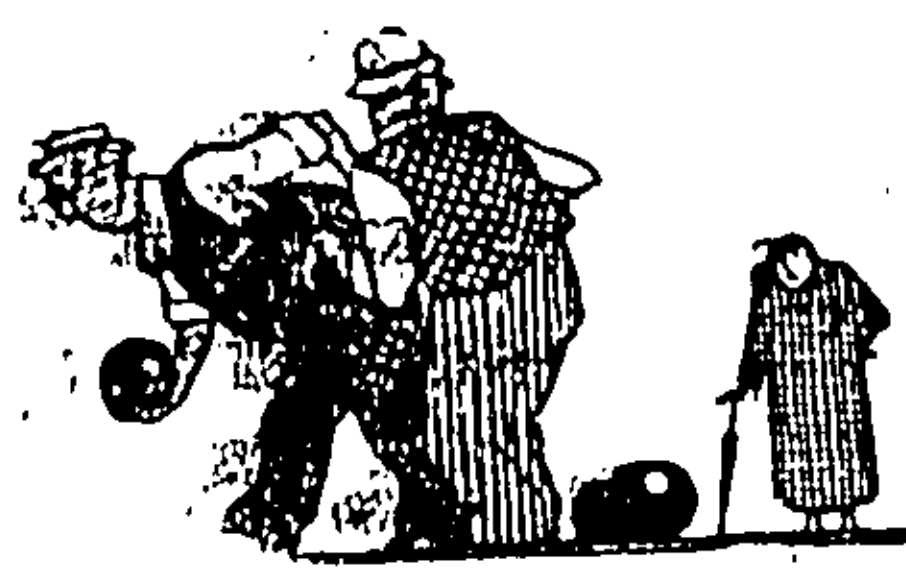
Owens played very well as lead to A. F. Paul while Stonehouse a newcomer, did his share. The game was evenly contested though the H.K.C.C. skip generally had the edge. Paul struck a bad patch at the 9th and did not score for the next five heads, but he finished strongly when he scored eight shots on the last six heads to lose by only four shots.

After being close on the heels of Nissim till the 20th de Rome conceded a five and though he registered a three at the last end, lost by 6 shots.

Gahagan made his debut as a skip and did well to hold Abraham. Apart from a five at the 10th by the H.K.C.C., rinks scoring was even.

It is learned that George Duncan, the H.K.F.C. player, will not be returning to the Colony.

It was inadvertently reported over the week-end that Carlos Silva, of "Recreio" "A", scored a seven at the 7th end. Actually Silva's count at that end was six.



BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for to-morrow:—

C.S.C.C.
First Division (v. Recreio "B", Home)
E. Purvis, T. Seddon, W. Burling and C. Strange (Skip).
J. Gellately, E. Kirmon, V. Ebbage and M. Rakusen (Skip).
D. Crawley, J. Carr, J. Hempsey and J. McGowan (Skip).
Reserves:—A. Sheppard and W. Collidge.

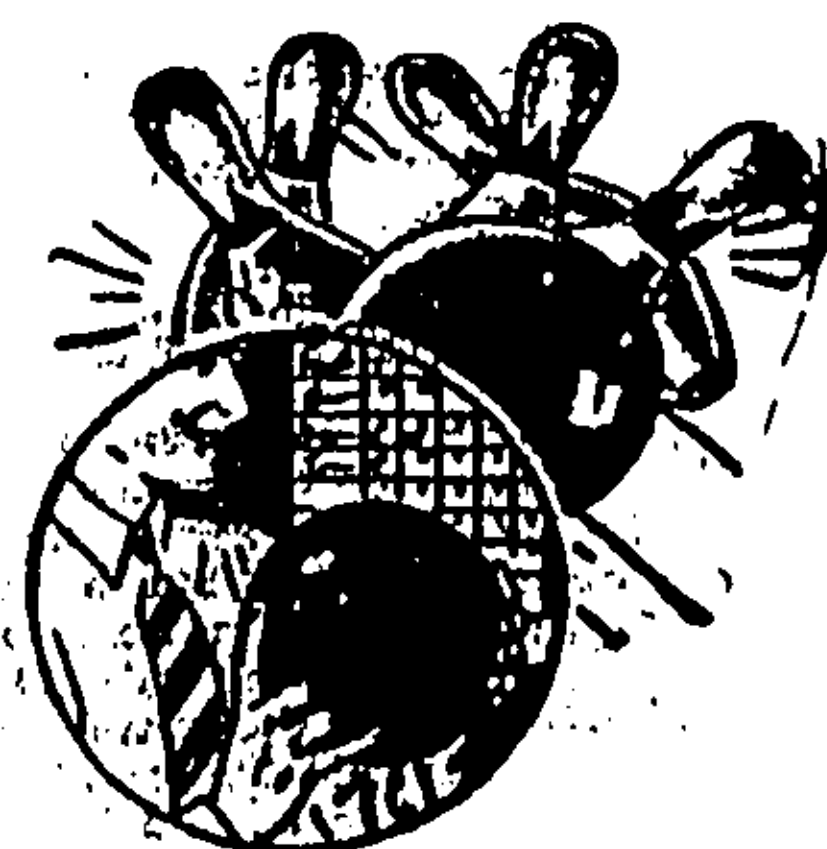
H.K.F.C.
Second Division (v. H.K.C.C., Home) (Friendly)
A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. C. Field (Skip).
W. Naef, A. E. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Youngusband (Skip).
T. Fergusson, A. A. Dand, C. Downman and W. Simpson (Skip).
Third Division (v. K.B.G.C., Away)
B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and D. D. Evans (Skip).
B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Sinalley (Skip).
G. E. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. MacIntyre and R. Ogden (Skip).
Reserves: W. C. Ogley, J. Gibson, L. Bones and L. A. Mullett.

C.C.C.
First Division (v. K.C.C., Home)
J. W. Leonard, N. P. Karanjia, A. E. Coates and D. W. Bradbury (Skip).
A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (Skip).
Y. A. Razaek, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rossaleet (Skip).
Second Division (v. Talkoo R.C., Away)
A. A. Razaek, A. Kitchell, E. Zimmermann and T. L. Lock (Skip).
J. H. Xavier, I. E. Lammert, L. C. R. Souza and M. J. Medina (Skip).
S. R. Solina, H. G. Forman, W. Ward and H. W. Randall (Skip).
Third Division (v. Indian R.C., Home)
W. E. Broadbridge, A. E. S. Alves, Dr. C. W. Lam and G. S. Ladd (Skip).
L. M. Roza, M. A. Baptista, F. K. Modi and A. J. Coelho (Skip).
F. Lee, E. S. Franks, D. A. Rozario and L. Gaddi (Skip).
One Rink Friendly (v. K.C.C., Away)
R. K. Pavri, L. Sul-wing, W. J. Curd and V. A. Itenson (Skip).

I.R.C.
First Division (v. K.B.G. Club "A", Home)
A. K. Suffad, K. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (Skip).
J. Hoosen, A. H. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (Skip).
D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, U. A. Rumjahn and A. R. Dallah (Skip).
Third Division (v. C.C.C., Away)
M. Hassan, J. M. A. Rumjahn, M. U. Razaek and S. M. Rumjahn (Skip).
M. B. Hassan, A. S. Suffad, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (Skip).
B. el Arculli, M. A. Wahab, A. G. Suffad and A. O. Madar (Skip).

K.D.R.C.
First Division (v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B", Home)
W. Houston, W. C. K. Mackie, F. Cullen and J. Kempton (Skip).
R. H. A. Lapsley, W. McMaster, W. Greig and T. Coleman (Skip).
V. Ramsay, J. Revie, M. Ferguson and R. Morrison (Skip).

An enjoyable and somewhat novel game was played at Kowloon Tong on Sunday, when "Hope" Kew's Kowloon Tong rink beat Joe Fraser's rink by 34-8. Positions were changed after every five ends, result being that all the players in both rinks played in every position. Kew's rink was A. Madar, Teddy Castro, J. L. Stephens and Kew; Fraser's was Steven, Sherriff, T. W. Carr and Fraser.



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BRYN JONES AGAIN IN THE NEWS

In the days when we thought such things important, one of four footballing brothers, name of Jones, was transferred from Wolverhampton Wanderers to the then Bank of England team (Arsenal) for a trifle of £14,000, writes a home correspondent.

Call it Allison's folly, or a master stroke of Soccer economics, as you fancy, but the immediate result was the rocketing of a sensitive player on to the front page of every British and most American newspapers.

Bryn blinked uneasily in the spotlight—and never once played a £14,000 game for his Arsenal masters.

Back To The Valleys

The blaze of publicity in which some players, say Alex James, would have thrived shadowed the career of the highly-strung Welshman.

Came the war, and Bryn, folding his tent, slipped silently into the welcome obscurity of the old home town—Merthyr.

The £14,000 star went through a period at Cardiff, but it was on the lovely turf of his old club, Aberaman, where he learned his art, that Bryn recaptured it and now weekly entertains his boyhood pals for something less than he earned in bonus money at Highbury.

Bryn Jones is himself again, and the big-time Soccer siren will beckon in vain for rich material for the psychologist.

But £14,000 footballers, even with a war on, cannot for ever escape the headlines. Bryn is news again.

Hobson's Choice For Arsenal

Arsenal, troubled over possible war investment, asked that Aber-

FRED PERRY TO MARRY AGAIN

Although nothing has been announced officially, close friends of Fred Perry, England's famous tennis player who is now a professional at the Mexico City Country Club, are saying that he will marry Sandra Dreux, a model from Dallas, Texas, as soon as his divorce from the actress, Helen Vinson, becomes absolute.

Perry met Miss Dreux when she came to the Country Club to model at a dress show given by the Dallas firm of Nieman Marcus.

Miss Dreux is now wearing an engagement ring and shows no sign of returning to Dallas.

Friends say that their wedding is expected to be held as soon as possible.

man should insure Bryn for matches in the new Western League.

As only three of the clubs in the new group come under Football League control, I'm afraid Arsenal are in the painful position of either insuring a player who won't play for them or risking serious deflation of his post-war transfer value by injury.

The player, too, is hit, for he gets no compensation if his football career is broken or ended by injury incurred while on duty with a club outside the scope of the League's insurance scheme.

Altogether one of those unpalatable problems which follow in the grim wake of war.

Played For R.A.F.

Meanwhile, Bryn Jones has had the unusual experience of playing as a civilian in one or two R.A.F. friendly games in his home area.

Which possibly explains how the story got started that Bryn was being moved to a North-country R.A.F. station and led to hopeful inquiries by Manchester City.

During my Welsh itinerary I heard colourful stories of a wonder wing half-back Bryn is schooling at Abefaman, but as you can't keep the scouts from scouting in the valleys—an unsuspected case of art for art's sake—I guess this isn't exactly news.

WHILE NOBODY in Great Britain will agree with W. T. Tilden that amateur and International tennis will not recover after the war, there are many who believe that it will take longer to get back to normal if junior talent is not encouraged says a Home correspondent.

Compared with other sports very little has been done in this respect and, not unnaturally, the enthusiasts are asking why not? It is pointed out that the ruling body should do more than issue a statement requesting clubs to encourage junior talent. What is wanted is for the Lawn Tennis Association to spend some of their many thousands of pounds, which amateur tennis has helped to put into their coffers, and to do something more concrete than placing the responsibility with clubs.

Quite a number of clubs do not possess the finances to promote tournaments, although they would be quite willing to make very satisfactory arrangements if they had the wherewithal.

Club Is Doomed

There is the case of one club which is in serious danger of having to close down. A few pounds would allow them to carry on and, perhaps, play a part in keeping a standard of tennis that will help in the post-war comeback. But, although during their existence they have paid a good few pounds to the Lawn Tennis Association, neither that body nor the country association can make any advance to save this club from closing down.

Of course the L.T.A. have an answer and, to them, a satisfactory one. They cannot very well assist one club without dozens of others probably expecting the same treatment. If this were given the cash in hand would vanish very quickly. There must be a way, however, of considering every case in detail and treating them according to their merits. At the moment the Association has quite a large sum out in loans to clubs, who have been granted a moratorium until after the war.

Meanwhile the L.T.A. have vacated their old time offices, the lease of which has expired, but work goes on at a private residence and an executive committee, to deal with any war-time questions, meets once a month. Their first question at a next meeting should be connected with a nationwide move to give junior players a chance this Summer.

A war-time "Wimbledon" cannot be expected, but there could be some sort of junior championship, with district qualifying tournaments throughout the country.

Coaching—and there must be many admirable teachers longing for an opportunity to lead the young footsteps along the right track—is another point which might be considered. Clubs cannot afford to engage coaches; the L.T.A. could spend a few pounds in a far more wasteful manner. Opportunities for youngsters are given in several other sports, why not in lawn tennis?



ARMSTRONG'S NEW VOCATION

These old champs get around. Jack Dempsey has got a job as sports editor and Henry Armstrong joins a dance band, writes a correspondent from London.

And Homicide Hank, who married a preacher's daughter, told me on the Queen Mary his life ambition was to finish up in Medicine or the Church.

He tried to make his dime as pin boy in a skittle alley pay his medical student's fees, but it didn't add up, right, so he walked the sleepers with a railroad gang instead of walking the wards.

TENNIS HANDBOOK READY

The League Tennis handbooks are now out of the hands of the printers and are in the course of being forwarded to the tennis conveners of the various clubs.

The League will start on Monday, with the first batch of First Division fixtures. Second Division, Third Division and Fourth Division matches will be played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, respectively, as hitherto.

There is one error in the handbook which concerns next week's fixtures. In Third Division the entry S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C. (2) should read C.C.C. v. C.R.C. (2).

Following are the fixtures for next week:

MONDAY	
First Division	
C.R.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.	
C.D.R. v. S.C.A.A.	
H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C.	
TUESDAY	
Second Division	
C.R.C. v. A.T.C.	
K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.	
S.C.A.A. v. K.T.G.C.A.	
WEDNESDAY	
Third Division	
C.D.R. v. A.T.C.	
C.R.C. (1) v. K.T.G.C.A.	
H.K.U.T.C. v. K.C.C.	
C.C.C. v. C.R.C. (2)	
S.C.A.A. v. K.I.T.C.	
THURSDAY	
Fourth Division	
A.T.C. v. P.O.R.C. (1)	
C.B.A. v. J.R.C.	
I.R.C. v. Filipino Club	
K.I.T.C. v. S.C.A.A.	
C.R.C. v. C.C.C.	



GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning—

SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.16 a.m. A. E. Lissaman, R. Forrest.	
9.20 .. J. Redman, G. G. Aitkenhead.	
9.24 .. Major Giles, R. Young.	
9.28 .. R. S. W. Paterson, J. C. Taylor.	
9.32 .. I. H. Geare, R. C. Gairdner.	
9.36 .. L. A. R. Duncan, S. L. Lloyd.	
9.40 .. J. L. MacIntyre, A. McKellar.	
9.44 .. J. R. Way, M. A. Cairns.	
9.48 .. F. X. Lee, S. S. Church.	
9.52 .. B. O. Baldwin, H. W. Belsley.	
10.12 .. A. K. Mackenzie, Col. Rose.	
10.16 .. F. D. Hunter, J. A. Blackwood.	
10.20 .. R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.	
10.24 .. A. B. Purves, G. M. Park.	
10.28 .. C. M. Williams, P. E. Annis.	
10.32 .. F. Hearther, H. M. Rowland.	
10.36 .. J. J. van Mullen, D. H. Hamilton.	
10.40 .. H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenz e.	
New Course	
9.40 a.m. Miss Balchin, Miss Findley.	
10.00 .. A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Collis.	

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HESS FLIGHT MAY SPEED NEW BLITZKRIEG

Hitler's Menacing Mass On Soviet Frontiers

Spain And Turkey In Peril With Vichy Holding Key

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE FLIGHT OF Rudolf Hess to Britain is undoubtedly an event of first-rate importance and will have definitely favourable reactions on Britain's war effort, but whatever may be the real cause of his flight, it will not have an effect on events which are immediately pending.

Hitler's plans for the coming campaign will not be altered or delayed; on the contrary, the flight of Hess is quite likely to hasten its execution, for Hitler may well feel the necessity for giving Germany something else to think about and to achieve a fresh triumph to hearten them.

Within a month, as I see the situation, Hitler will invade Spain, with or without France's consent, besiege Gibraltar and attempt to seize the Atlantic ports of Spain and Portugal.

There will be a threat, with perhaps 80 divisions which are standing ready, on Russia.

If Hitler can possibly do it his forces in Libya will be rein-

forced and the attack on Egypt pressed while attacks on Turkey and Syria are also under way.

Grave Decision

It will be seen how much these plans centre round Vichy and France to an even greater extent than they do round Russia.

This fact will force grave decisions on the British War Council

and equally on General de Gaulle. Mr. Churchill displayed some resentment in a debate recently when charges of fighting a kid glove war were made. Now he must give proof that Britain is not going to fight such a war.

Meanwhile British strategy should be directed to meeting Nazi threats, not on the continent of Europe, as has been the case up to date, where the Germans can bring overwhelming forces, but in Africa and in Asia, where the British Empire can redress the balance of numbers and even swing it to the Allied side. —Reuter.

Rome Threat

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE THE ENTIRE FASCIST PRESS CHARGED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WITH PLANNING A WORLD ANGLO-SAXON FEDERATION, AUTHORITATIVE AXIS QUARTERS IN ROME DISCLOSED THAT ITALY AND GERMANY ARE PLANNING TO FORTIFY THE SOUTH ATLANTIC SHORES OF EUROPE AND AFRICA AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF UNITED STATES INTERVENTION IN THE WAR.

They said this "defence" preparation may be taken in conjunction with "a sweeping co-ordination of Axis strength, military, economic and political, planned for the next few weeks." —International News Service.

SECRET SESSION PLANNED

The Commons will shortly hold a secret session to discuss the Ministry of Supply.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, back bench Labourite, in the Commons yesterday afternoon asserted there was much public anxiety on the matter of supply and asked whether this would be allayed by a private session.

Mr. Churchill declared Government would have welcomed a public session.

He did not agree there was so much anxiety and he hoped to show that great progress was being made, but anything more foolish than to give facts and figures in details in public, which would go to Lisbon and then to Germany, he could not imagine.

"WE REALLY MUST LEAVE SOME WORK FOR THE GERMAN INTELLIGENCE." (LAUGHTER). —REUTER.

DANISH CONSULS DISMISSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

All Danish consuls in the United States have been instructed by the German controlled Danish Foreign Office to break off relations with the Dutch Minister in Washington, Mr. Koffman, after the Greenland affair.

The Danish Consuls-General in New York, Chicago and San Francisco, however, have refused to comply with the order and have, therefore, been dismissed. —Special.

STOP PRESS

The leader and members of the recent Thailand special goodwill mission to Burma, India, the Straits Settlements and Australia were described by the British Minister, Mr. Crosby, as ambassadors of peace and goodwill who cemented the traditional friendship between the British Empire and Thailand.

The occasion was a garden party at the British Legation in Bangkok, when Mr. Crosby, in the name of the King, presented the insignia of the Cross of the British Empire to Captain Luang Dhamrong Naraswat, Minister of Justice and Leader of the Mission, and other orders to the remaining members of the mission.

Over 200 guests attended, comprising members of the Thai Cabinet, prominent Thai officials and non-officials and representative of all British communities. —Reuter.

The U.S. Under-Secretary of Navy, Mr. James V. Forrestal, has given President Roosevelt a list of Britain's most urgent requirements in war materials, declares the Washington correspondent of the "New York Times."

Mr. Forrestal, who was recently in London, lunched with the President on Wednesday. It is understood he told the President that Britain particularly needed heavy bombers, heavier tanks and ships. — Reuter.

Purple Hill meteorological observatory is among other pieces of property in Nanking, hitherto under the control of the Japanese authorities, now formally handed over to the Nanking regime, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported to-day, adding that other properties will be handed over shortly. — Reuter.

Tokyo reports of big and impending victories in Shansi and other parts of China are not regarded in Washington as impressive.

It is recalled that on many previous occasions in the last three years similar big victories in Shansi have been promised and have never materialised.

Japanese action in Shansi, Chekiang and elsewhere is regarded in Washington as defensive action designed to hold at bay the Chinese forces which continue to harry Japanese communication lines. — Reuter.

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HITLER BEHIND HESS ESCAPE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HIGH OFFICIALS IN London are now suspecting that Hitler was the author of Rudolf Hess's flight, but if it was contrived to "soften" Britain by the deceptiveness of a German trick, it has failed.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, gave it as his opinion that Hess fled with Hitler's complete knowledge. Mr. Bevin labelled Hess a "murderer" and advocated no negotiations with him on any matters.

Mr. Churchill is still keeping Germany guessing on what Hess has disclosed.

While it is announced that the Duke of Hamilton saw Hess within 48 hours of his landing, it is not explained how Hess's letter reached the Duke without being diverted by the censors. The Duke has been exonerated of all suspicion. Meanwhile the Nazis press has virtually dropped the Hess case, and the official attitude is that it will soon be forgotten. Hitler is not to make any statement on the affair for the time being.

"Sketch" Story

The "London Daily Sketch" says that Hess left behind considerable support for a revolt in Germany against Nazi tyranny.

The same paper says that German airmen who are now prisoners of war in England at

first thought it was the Gestapo Chief, Heinrich Himmler, who had fled from Germany, but on learning it was Hess they went into a rage.

By their manner, the paper says, it seems that Hess would probably be torn apart if placed among them. —International News Service.

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